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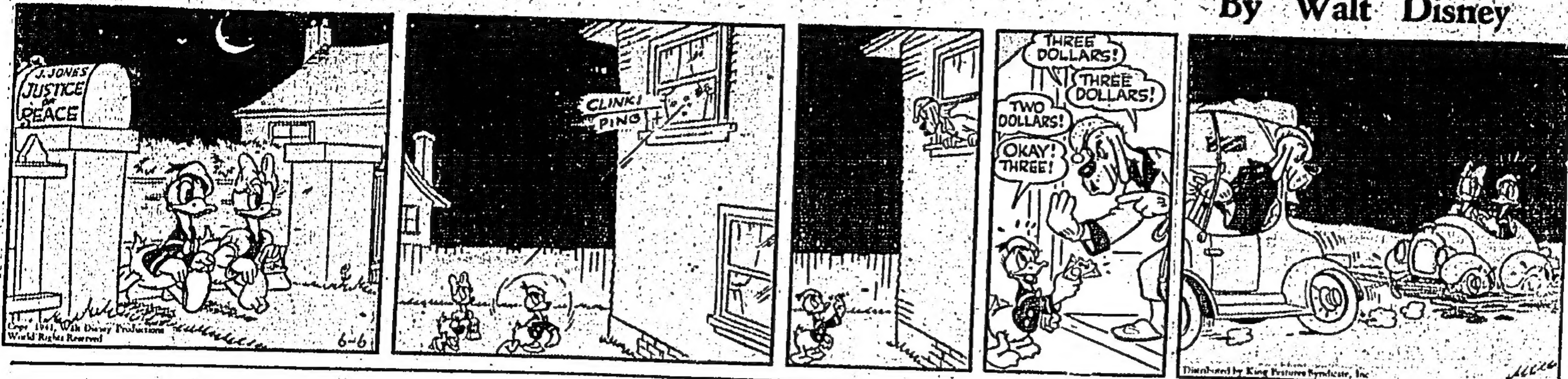
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How to Play
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How to Win

By JOSEPHINE GUBERTSON

"Swing" Hand

A SWING of 2,400 points on a single board is enough to decide almost any team-of-four match. That was the case in the recent Vanderbilt tournament in New York, with the hand shown below playing the role of both hero and villain—according to the point of view.

Both sides vulnerable.
Team-of-four match.
Total point scoring.
North dealer.

♠ A 8 4	♥ A	♦ A 10 9 7 6	♣ A K 10
♠ Q 10 5 2	♥ K 8 6 3 2	♦ K 7 5 4	♣ J 10
♠ 7 6 2	♥ 5 4 3 2	♦ 3 2	♣ Q 6 4
♠ K J 7 6 3	♥ A K	♦ J 10	♣ J 9 8 8

At table No. 1, the bidding proceeded:

North	East	South	West
1♠	4♥	4♠	Pass
Redouble	5♥	5♠	Pass

It required only reasonable defence to hold East to six of his eight heart tricks and thus he had to pay the suicidal penalty of 1,400 points. The fault here must be divided fairly evenly between East and West. East's preemptive hand was his ex-

cellent play on South's part could have produced two extra tricks at a four spade contract, but inasmuch as this would have involved almost double dummy technique, it is highly questionable that slam contract should have been reached and, even more questionable, that it would have been made if West had not disclosed the spade situation. The conclusion, so far as it affects this table, must be that East-West took entirely too much action on their very meagre resources.

At the other table, the partners of the ill-fated East-West team, here sitting North-South, did just as badly, reaching a seven diamond contract West doubled and North had the unmitigated nerve to redouble. The contract was defeated two tricks for 1,000 points. Thus the team sitting North-South at the first table and East-West at the second table collected 2,400 points on this board.

To-morrow's Hand
North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
North-South 30 part-score.

♠ A 10 9 5 2	♥ A Q 10 8 2	♦ A 10 6	♣ J
♠ 8 7 4	♥ K 8 3	♦ Q 8 2	♣ A 10 9 8
♠ K 6 3	♥ 5 4 3 2	♦ 3 2	♣ Q J 3
♠ A 10 9 8	♥ A K	♦ J 10	♣ K 7 5 4 2

How should this hand be bid, and how should South play it at a two notrump contract if West opens the club ten?

The Blitz Comes to Fleet Street

By Ritchie Calder

well-known London columnist

Never once, throughout the blitz, has any of the national newspapers failed to come out. Sometimes it has been a belated edition, but the tradition has been unbroken. And the same is true of the provincial papers.

Yet it is still possible for country readers to write in indignantly: "From my shelter, I heard enemy planes flying over continuously all night and yet all I find in my morning paper is a brief account." That brief account probably meant newspapermen going out into Hell, being injured, falling into craters, being knocked out by blast and crawling back through wreckage and falling bombs to catch the country edition.

Once, before they were seasoned, newspaper staffs used to go to shelter when the spotters gave the "Flicker"—a lamp that flashes in every department when the bombs are dropping in the immediate vicinity. Now, with the windows bricked up, they just carry on at their desks, ignoring "Jerry."

They go home in the morning, often, to find their own homes bombed and all they possess destroyed, and just mention it as a piece of gossip when they return to duty the same night.

Some of us are the Blitz-Bloodhounds. Wherever the Luftwaffe goes, we must follow. When London was being pounded in September, the only way to get Front Line stories was to be in the Front Line and that meant sharing day and night the lives of these ordinary, but incredible people of the backstreets. It meant patrolling the blitz at all hours.

It meant sleeping—although "sleep" was often an exaggeration—in every type of shelter (and, believe me, I did take shelter!)—Andersons, surface shelters, big community shelters, where every race and type herded together, the Tubes and luxury shelters of de luxe hotels. That was when I discovered that "pluck" was often just funk in disguise.

Most often, it was a case of "putting a face on it" because otherwise you might look silly—as I did when I crawled out from under a bar in an East End pub to find the unperturbed Cockneys laughing at me, although the bomb had dropped only a block away.

Of course, I had my tin hat, but sometimes it wasn't much use. For instance, one night I was making a tour of shelters with Father Groser, militant, indomitable, tireless clergyman of the East End. It was one of the bad nights, but Father John went striding along, throughout the black-out and blitz, his cassock flying and his white head uncovered. Every time a bomb dropped he told me it was a door slamming in one of the wrecked houses. When a building collapsed, he said it was the demolition squad working late.

on talking about water getting into the shelters, or how he could get Mrs. Brown away from London, or how to persuade the East Enders to pay less than a penny for a cup of tea, without them thinking it was charity. Ten feet ahead of us, a mighty spark leapt from the footway. "An incendiary bomb," I suggested. "No," said John, "a splinter." So it was, eighteen inches long and weighing a pound.

It was then I took him firmly by the arm and said: "Why don't you wear a tin hat, John? If you don't, I can't. It isn't done." Coolly he said: "I can't wear a tin hat. My people have not got tin hats. If I wore one, it would make me different from them." So both of us had to finish the night bareheaded.

Within a month, I had been out in twenty-three blitzes. Since then I have

"It didn't," I replied. "Don't be silly," he said severely. "It must have landed just here." And for ten minutes we argued, quite heatedly, as to what I had done with that bomb. Presumably it had "touched off" in the air. But that warden had to account for it somehow in his return.

We journalists may count ourselves hardened campaigners, but we realise we are mere amateurs compared with these matter-of-fact heroes of the civil defence.

A colleague was in the thick of a bomb-incident. He was groping his way through a mesh of fire hoses, with the bombs dropping around, and pretending to be a hero, when he fell headlong into a fresh-made crater. As he was climbing out of it, a warden leaned over the edge and demanded: "Where's your identity card?" "What

On the Trail of Air Raid Stories

lost count. But in my off-time I have been the first to take cover when the sirens went. Why? Because I have a "suicide complex." I would not deliberately commit suicide, but, when there is a job to be done, my life isn't my own responsibility.

That nasty smear on my waistcoat is the reminder of the night I "pinched the bomb." The blitz had based into silence and I was alone in a deserted street when, suddenly, there was the whistle of a stick of bombs, one, two and a third—by the sound of it—coming straight for me. I dived into a puddle. There was a terrific explosion and I waited for the buildings to collapse on top of me.

Nothing happened. I picked myself up rather sheepishly to be confronted by a panting warden. "Where did that one land?" he demanded.

the hell!" exploded the journalist. "Do you think I came down with the bomb?" The regular "Blitz-bloodhounds," whom I encounter in each new Blitz Town, include American journalists. One of them, after he had been dug out of the cellar of his bombed house, said to me, "Can I call myself a 'Londoner' now? I've been initiated!"

That has been one of the compensations of our job in the Battle of Britain. We haven't been just reporters standing outside the event and recording it.

We have been part of the event. We have been initiated into the "brotherhood of the blitz"—into that "we-are-all-in-it-together" fellowship of the ordinary blokes, with whom we have shared the risks and lived the "story."

The Front Page has become the Front Line.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

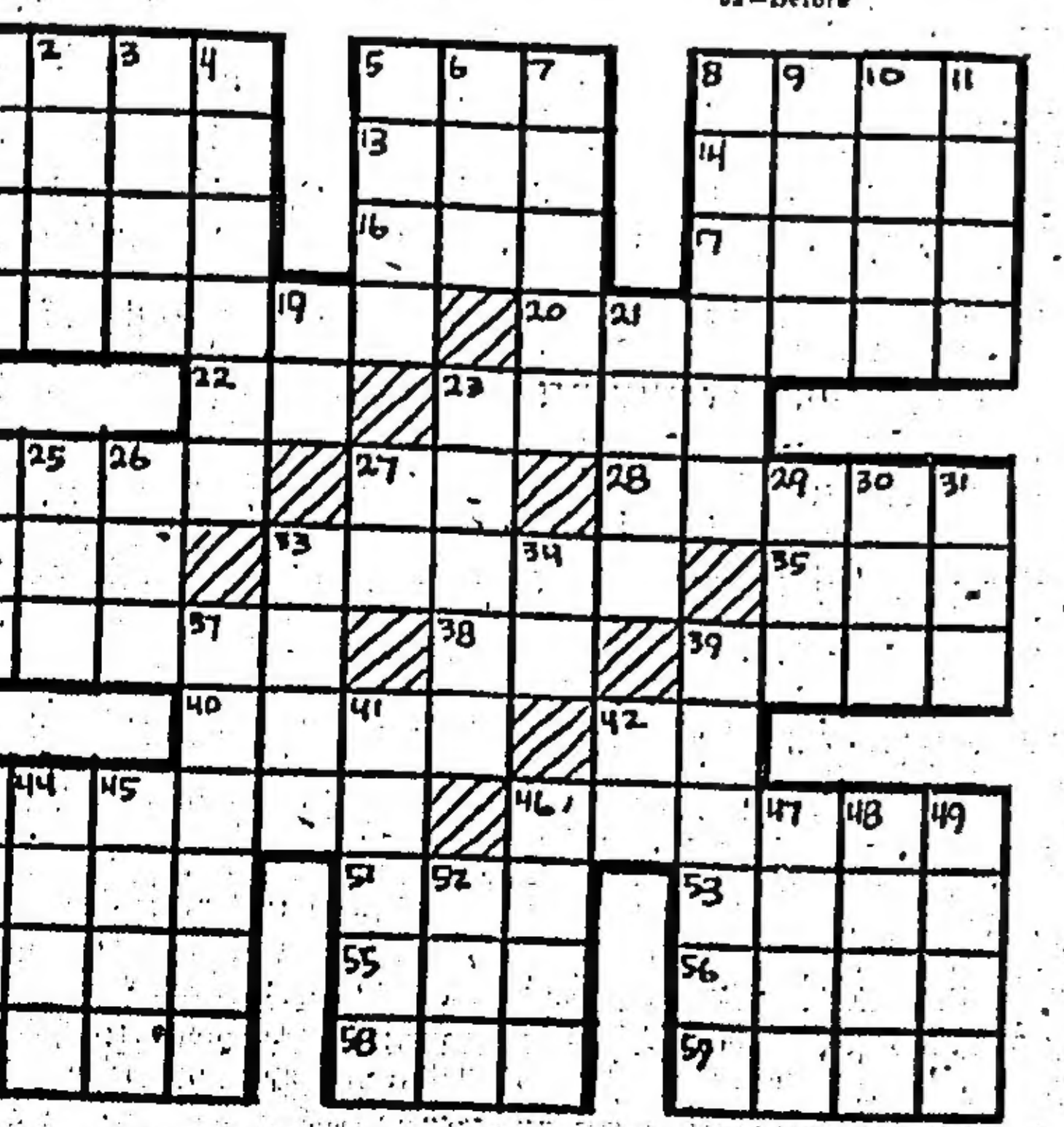
ACROSS

- 1-Throw
- 2-Druny
- 3-Type of plant
- 4-Female friend
- 5-(French)
- 6-Female role
- 7-Rip of ladder
- 8-Buttle pertaining to
- 9-Strap for riding
- 10-Horse
- 11-Quick vibratory movement
- 12-Those who play past
- 13-Exclamation
- 14-Kill
- 15-Low in grade
- 16-Literature
- 17-Cause of exultation
- 18-Naval affirmative expression
- 19-Athletic
- 20-Organizations
- 21-Long, narrow inlet
- 22-Completed form state
- 23-Concerning
- 24-Small depression
- 25-Strong brew
- 26-French article
- 27-Trap
- 28-Sublet
- 29-Carrying shelter
- 30-Large body of water
- 31-Comfort
- 32-Grass Lake

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DOWN

- 1-River in Asia
- 2-Triangular
- 3-Function
- 4-Seed covering
- 5-Tree from clouds
- 6-Mouth
- 7-Pertaining to
- 8-Pursue with cruelty
- 9-Combining form: oil
- 10-Mix
- 11-Male descendants
- 12-Conjunction
- 13-Like with
- 14-Motionless wings
- 15-Grass
- 16-Ornament of night
- 17-Containing form: air
- 18-Neon
- 19-Anger
- 20-Noise
- 21-Devout
- 22-Editor
- 23-Myself
- 24-Hammer
- 25-Tide
- 26-Frenchman city
- 27-French article
- 28-Cooked dish
- 29-Apostrophe of Rome
- 30-Dye indigo
- 31-Female horse
- 32-Hawaiian cloth
- 33-Abraham's birthplace
- 34-Tear
- 35-Belore



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By Lichty



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JAPAN'S NEW CRISIS

THE collapse of the Japanese Cabinet did not come as a great surprise; it was forecast in this column while Mr Matsuoka was junketing across Europe. It is a fitting climax to years of misguided zeal by headstrong politicians plunging blindly along an uncharted path to a nebulous New Order in Asia. Until the Cabinet is reconstructed only guesses can be made at the future Japanese policy. It has already been stated, however, that there will be no basic change. This can be regarded as a nonsensical stopgap as it is pretty evident that the Cabinet has broken up over major and basic issues—war north or south, appeasement of democracies or head over heels with Hitler, observance of the pledged word to Russia or a stab in the back.

One can have nothing but sympathy for the solid mass of Japanese who have been so cruelly deluded by their leaders that, after great sacrifices in men, material and goodwill over four years they find themselves at a time when they should be reaping, in the bountiful harvest of neutrality, still standing at the crossroads of confusion. After sympathy there is surprise that the Japanese people have remained so long incoherent and passive under conditions that called for national unity from the rice fields and the small factory right up through the structure of the country to the highest office. Yet the fact is that though one association after another, each little more impressive than the previous, has been formed with that avowed objective, the direction of policy is still in the hands of one or two cliques who have publicly squabbled over every major issue and whose one common ground is an idealistic and unrealistic conception of all Asia for all Japanese.

It is sincerely to be hoped that Japan will, in one of the inevitable phrases of our own great leader, "find her soul." In the short years that she has been haltered to the Nazi chariot she has suffered humiliation without recompense. Perhaps new leaders may find a way out of the intricate mazes in which she has contained.



LORD STRABOLGI

writes on

Russia, Germany And Japan

THERE IS A CER-certainly ready for service To obtain control of the TAIN. POETIC IN-now, though many of her Caucasian oil fields and a JUSTICE in the fact that key personnel were lost in right of passage through to Ukraine and set up a pup-just as the Treaty of the Bismarck where they Persia and Iraq, it would be pet government under the Friendship and Non - were on an instructional necessary to defeat Russia Cossack Hetman, Skorapad-Aggression signed between cruise. In addition, the in the field. In the absence sky. The Hetman fled to Germany and Russia in Germans probably have fit of naval control in the Black Germany when the occupy-August 1939 was immedi- for service one remaining Sea, the German armies will ing army withdrew after the ately followed by the inva-pocket battleship. have a long way to travel to armistice, and, with a nucleus of followers, he has Treaty of Poland, so the In the Black Sea the reach these oil fields. Further inroads have been maintained in Berlin Non-Aggression signed be-Though the Germans have been made on the petroleum ever since. between Germany and Turkey been able to send some small supplies of Germany by Certain 'Y' the wealthier classes in Ukraine have been immediately followed motor - torpedo - boats and selected bombing attack by the German invasion of submarines down the Danu-the British Air Force, and been Russia. be, they can only make use this will increase in inten- for several.

The German - Turkish of the negligible naval sity. Some of the most im- it is doubtful if numerically important dissident elements Pact, and the seizure by the forces of Bulgaria and portant targets are the oil As the Ukraine has the best wheat growing lands, together with highly important deposits of good quality coal and iron ore, it has al- ways represented a rich prize for a successful con- quorer. As the Ukraine is also on the line of advance to the Caucasus and the oil fields, the principal battles may be expected to be fought in this part of Russia.

OPPOSING ARMIES Nevertheless, the decision will depend on the fighting between 120 German, Fin- nish and Rumanian divi- sions, opposed by some 150 Russian divisions, and on the results of the fighting between the opposing air fleets. It is known that the Russian Air Force is very numerous, though only part of it is provided with aero- planes of the most modern type. In the Spanish fight- ing the Russian pursuit planes were good, but the bombers were too slow and unwieldy.

It is known also that great attention has been paid in the tank weapon and that great numbers of Russian soldiers have been specially trained as parachu- tists. The Soviet Government of Russia were not caught un- awares by the German de- claration of war, and pre- parations for this even- tuality have been in pro- gress since September 1939. Furthermore, a long range programme of defence had been in operation, providing for an important part of the Russian war industries to be moved to the Ural mountain districts, to which the Government itself could retreat.

NAVAL STRENGTHS In the Baltic, Germany tons a year. It is known for should have no difficulty in that very large reserves the Russian war industries obtaining control, but she were built up before the pre- to be moved to the Ural heavy warships to the At- able quantities of petroleum the Government itself could lantic trade routes for com- have been seized in France, retreat.

UKRAINE QUESTION To what extent can the Germans use Fifth Column methods in Russia? The most fertile field from Ger- many's point of view is the Ukraine. Here there has always been an embryo of the war spreading to the Separatist movement, and it Pacific.

With the very large Japanese armies engaged in the interior of China it would appear doubtful whether very heavy forces could be marshalled by Japan for the invasion of the maritime province of Siberia, which would be the natural objective. It is known that the present military commitments in China place a great strain on the Japanese Mercantile Marine, and the Japanese General Staff is aware that a numerous flotilla of sub- marines is stationed at Vladivos- tok.

Nor will the Japanese General Staff be able to ignore the possible attitude of the United States of America in the event of the war spreading to the Pacific.

HISTORIC CARTOON

Reproduced here is a now-historic cartoon, "Rendezvous," dated September 20, 1939, satirising the signing of the Russo-German non-aggression pact which precipitated the war. by the brilliant British cartoonist, David Low!

has been sedulously cultivat- ed by Germany from long before the war of 1914-18. In that war, it will be re-

membered, the German armies penetrated into the Ukraine and set up a pup- pet government under the Cossack Hetman, Skorapad- The Hetman fled to Germany when the occupy- ing army withdrew after the armistice, and, with a nucleus of followers, he has been maintained in Berlin

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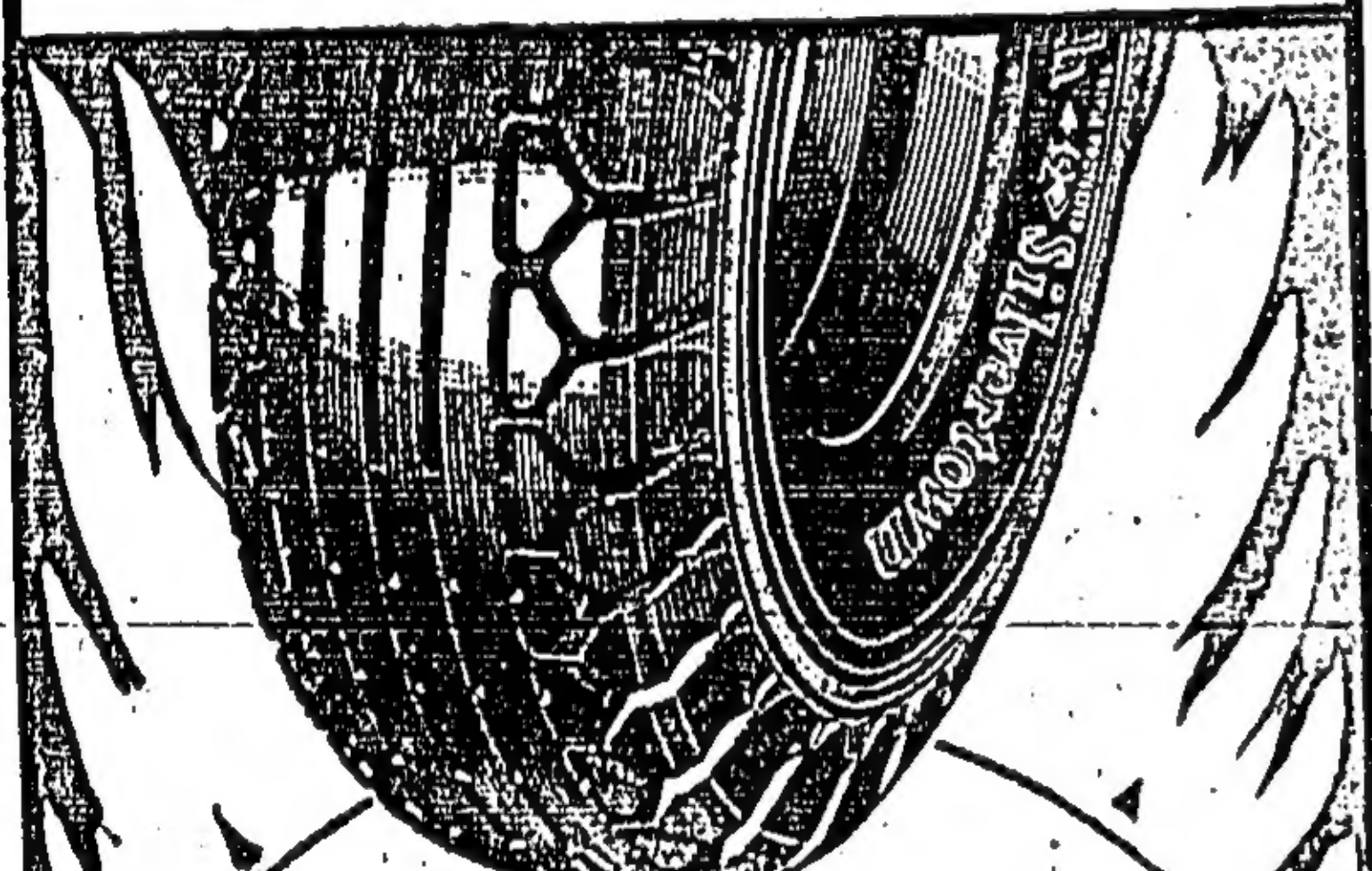
The attitude of Japan now becomes of increasing importance. If the Japanese Government decides to open hostilities against Russia, the Japanese Navy will be well placed geographically to cut off the Vladivos- tok outlet to the Pacific.

The Siberian armies have, for the last 15 years, been specially organised for war against Japan and are completely self-support- ing. In the severe fighting which has taken place in Northern Manchuria and Mon- golia in the undeclared war between Japan and Russia the Siberian army corps displayed a high standard of military efficiency. Aeroplanes, tanks, heavy artillery and other forces were engaged on both sides on a large scale and the Siberians had the best of the exchanges.

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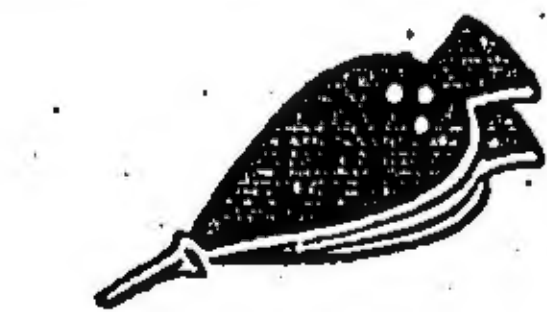
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Value Attached To Pact Between Reds and Tokyo

EDINBURGH, July 17 (Reuter).—The newspaper "Scotsman," discussing Anglo-Russian relations in the light of the Japanese Cabinet crisis, points out that the new Anglo-Russian alliance has geographical and political limitations inasmuch as it singles out Hitlerite Germany as the enemy in contrast to the more elastic phraseology of pre-war pacts with France, Poland and other Powers which referred in general terms to "aggressor."

Since Moscow has only recently concluded a pact of non-aggression with Tokyo, which the Japanese Government has notified its intention of scrupulously observing in regard to Russia, the Russians could not have properly signed an agreement with another Power specially directed against Japan.

The "Scotsman" continues that this, however, is not to say that if Japan, contrary to all evidence now available, did attack Russia at a later date, the British would not give Russia every practical assistance. But it does mean that both London and Moscow have no desire to take steps calculated to antagonise Japan—for the benefit of the Germans—unless Japan's own attitude compels them to do so.

British Appreciation

In other words, Britain fully recognises the binding force of the Russo-Japanese Neutrality Pact as long as it is faithfully carried out by Japan. The point is important when Nazi propaganda by the circulation of false rumours is striving hard to provoke a breach between Japan and the new Russo-British Alliance.

Tobruk Patrols Prick Besiegers

CAIRO, July 17 (Reuter).—A British Middle East communiqué states that on Tuesday night an Australian fighting patrol from Tobruk penetrated 16,000 yards into enemy positions and successfully assaulted two strong points in a new sector.

After inflicting upon the enemy casualties substantially greater than the strength of the patrol itself, the British troops withdrew.

In dash and determination this patrol again surprised and out-manoeuvred the enemy which is tenaciously in greatly superior numbers and in well-entrenched positions.

Our Initiative
CAIRO, July 17 (Reuter).—The British offensive policy is being continued with some success. The fact that the patrol penetrated 16,000 yards into enemy territory sustaining only the smallest casualties indicates that we hold the initiative, stated military circles here.

The defensive attitude of the Axis troops, who are mostly Italian around Tobruk, seems to be repeated on the Libyan border where the enemy continues to dig in in a triangle, Sidi Barrani-Hafaya, showing that there is no inclination to tilt against the British forces in this area.

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FATALISTIC DE VALERA

DUBLIN, July 17 (Reuter).—Mr Eamon de Valera, replying to the debate on external affairs in the Dail to-night, said: "If anybody attacks us, then every one of us can die if necessary fighting for what we are certain is the just cause, and I say that no matter from which side we are attacked."

"That is the position we are taking up and it is not a cowardly position. If we are attacked at all, we will be attacked by one of the big nations of the world. We have to face it and we are prepared to face it. We are determined to live our own life."

How To Play Baseball

(Continued from Page 6)

field and be ready to relay the ball or call out where the ball should be thrown.

The second baseman should be ready to back up or run down the base runner caught between bases, always remembering to run him back to the base from which he started.

SUGGESTIONS. (i) When the second baseman is very near his base, it is better in many cases for him to make a double play without the assistance of the shortstop because it minimizes the chance for errors or delay.

(ii) When first and third bases are occupied and the runner on third is expecting to score if the catcher throws to second to catch the runner stealing, the second baseman should rush in behind the pitcher and cut short the throw in case he thinks the man on third is likely to score if the throw goes on through to the shortstop.

(iii) Do not try to make a double after dropping the ball.

(iv) On double plays always be sure of the first man and get the second man if possible. Some double plays may be made by the second baseman by tagging the runner as he goes by, but this is not always a sure way if the runner is clever.

(v) The baseman should always know where the first base is without looking, for sometimes he will have to make throws which will not give him time to look before he throws.

(vi) On any fly balls over first base it will be easier for the second baseman to take the fly than for the first baseman. He should call for the ball and observe all the general rules for handling of fly balls.

(vii) The second baseman can never force a runner out at third on a hit ball.

GENERAL LEAVING

Successor Expected In Colony To-day

His Excellency Major-General A. E. Grasett, General Officer Commanding the Troops in China since December, 1938, who has been appointed to a higher command at Home, will leave the Colony to-morrow morning, after handing over to Major-General C. M. Maltby, M.C., the new General Officer Commanding, who recently held an important appointment in Southern India and who is expected to arrive in the Colony to-day.

Major-General A. E. Grasett, who was the youngest General Officer Commanding appointed to the China Command, Major-General Grasett was probably the first Dominion born military officer to hold this important post. His career with the British Army dates from June 24, 1900, when he entered the Royal Engineers as a Second Lieutenant. He saw service throughout the Great War and was mentioned in despatches several times. He served in India from 1921-23 and saw service on the North-west Frontier. He was appointed Colonel during this period and received the Waziristan 1919-21 medal and clasp and the Waziristan 1921-24 clasp.

In 1931 he was appointed to the highly important post of General Staff Officer, 1st Grade, India, remaining in that position until December 27, 1934. He was appointed C.S.O. 1 at the Staff College, Camberley, on January 19, 1935, and held that post until his departure for Hongkong.

Gallup Poll On Iceland

NEW YORK, July 17 (Reuter).—Over 60 per cent. of the populations of big United States cities and towns approve President Roosevelt's action in sending troops to Iceland, according to the latest Gallup Poll. Twenty per cent. disapproved and 10 per cent. were undecided.



AIR TRAGEDY—Wreck of Bolivian plane that crashed a moment after it took off from Washington, killing Bolivia's crack military pilot, Captain Rafael Suarez Rivas, and seriously injuring brother air officer, Captain Alberto Taborga. Rivas was burned to death. Plane was on good-will flight to La Paz from New York.

NEW MACAO STATION

Five-Hour Programme to Be Broadcast Each Day

Macao, July 14. After an experimental stage of about two months, Macao radio broadcasting is now settled and it has been announced that the daily programme will extend from 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Macao's broadcasting is conducted by the Macao Radio Club, under the chairmanship of Dr E. Mascarenhas, Judge of the Macao Court, and under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor, and is directed by Mr Francisco Rogo with the assistance of Mr F. Bance and Mr L. Gomes.

The daily programme consists of music, Portuguese as well as other pieces, with news in Portuguese at 1.45 p.m. and at 8 p.m., and Chinese programme of Chinese Music and other items, including a news period, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Talks in Chinese and Portuguese are given from time to time, and the principal purpose of the broadcasting is to cater to the Portuguese and Chinese not only in Macao but all over the Far East.

The frequency of the Macao station is 6,080 kilocycles, or a wave-length of about 49.30 metres.—Our Own Correspondent.

Water-Polo

Middlesex "A" Beat A. A. Gunners

Three matches in the water-polo tournament were held at the Y.M.C.A. yesterday.

Middlesex "A," one of the strongest Army teams, were fully extended by 5th A.A. and managed to win only 2-1. Jennings, Burdge and Hymas scored for Middlesex and Giblin, in a swim through, for the A.A.s.

Drawn Match
Middlesex "B," holding a two clear goals advantage over Navy A at one time, shared six goals with the sailors in the end. Pencock (2) and Radley scored for the Middlesex and Paul (2) and Holdford (own goal) for the sailors.

Easy Win For "Y"
European Y.M.C.A. without several of their leading players, proved much too good for 6th Battery and won 5-1. P. Wilson (2), C. Goldman (2) and Roberts scored for Y.M.C.A. and Leong Kwok-wai for the Gunners.

Rifle Association Annual Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Rifle Association will be held in the Jacobson Room of the Hongkong Hotel on Thursday, July 24, at 5.30 p.m. The election of a Council, President, Vice-presidents, Auditor, Legal Adviser, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer are items on the agenda.

Orthopaedic Work

Appeal for Funds to Aid Wounded Chinese

China has fought for four years against subjection. It now has tens of thousands of crippled soldiers and civilians and the number steadily increases. In every war, in every country, this is a serious problem, but it is particularly serious in China because of the prolonged struggle, the deepening poverty and the general scientific backwardness.

A Committee has been formed in Hongkong under the patronage of Madame H. H. Kung to support the existing Orthopaedic Centres of the Emergency Medical Training Schools at Kwelyang, Paocheng and Yiyang and to endeavour to extend the Centres to each war area. The work of the Hospitals and Vocational Centres is to repair broken bodies of soldiers and civilians and to train them to earn a living.

The Campaign to raise H.K.\$200,000 will open on July 21 at the Hongkong Hotel when His Excellency the Governor will make the Appeal. Bishop Hall will preside at the gathering, and prior to His Excellency's appeal, Dr Robert Lim will speak on the Orthopaedic Centres. The Appeal will be supported by Dr C. T. Wang and the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo will close the proceedings.

Donations should be sent to the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Secretary, British Fund for Relief of Distress in South China, Alexandra Building, under whose auspices the campaign is being held.

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KEEL A DAY IN U.S. SHIP YARDS

NEW YORK, July 17 (Reuter).—One ship per day had its keel laid down in American yards during the 40 days ended July 10, reports the U.S. Navy Department.

Twenty-two vessels were launched during that period including the battleship South Dakota, two destroyers, one submarine and a number of smaller craft, including seven high-speed motor torpedo boats.

Consecration Of Dean In Bishopric

The Consecration of Dean J. L. Wilson to be Bishop of Singapore will take place in St. John's Cathedral on St. Mary Magdalene's Day, Tuesday, July 22, at 5.30 p.m. Those taking part in the service are to meet in the Cathedral Hall at 5.15 p.m., and the procession is to begin at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

A large congregation is expected but the seating capacity of the Cathedral is being increased and it is hoped that all who desire to attend may be accommodated.

At least three Bishops must be present at the Consecration of a new Bishop, but it is expected that four will take part in the Consecration of Dean Wilson. In addition to Bishop H. O. Hall and Bishop Mok, Bishop C. T. Song of Chengtu, Szechuan, and Bishop N. S. Binsted of the Philippine Islands will be present. Bishop Binsted, being the Senior Bishop, will preside at the Consecration.

The Oath of Allegiance to H. M. the King and the Oath of Due Obedience to the Archbishop of Canterbury will be administered by His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice of Hongkong. His Excellency the Governor will witness the Oath to the King, which will be taken in the Cathedral Hall immediately preceding the service.

The service of Consecration proceeds from the Commission of the Bishop-Designate as Bishop of Singapore to the Consecration Proper and is followed by Holy Communion. The Cathedral Choir, augmented by members of other Hongkong churches, will sing two special anthems, and lead the congregation in the other sung parts of the service.

The service has been shortened somewhat, and the congregation will be released in ample time to avoid being caught by black-out regulations, which go into effect at sundown.

The Rt. Rev. Norman S. Binsted, D.D., former Bishop of the Diocese of Tohoku in Japan, who will preside at the Consecration, is expected to arrive in the Colony this morning. Bishop Binsted left Japan last spring when the new regulations governing religious bodies went into effect. Since that time he has been in charge of the work of the American Episcopal Church in the Philippine Islands with headquarters in Manila.

Bishop Binsted, who graduated from the University of Virginia and the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Virginia, was Consecrated Bishop in 1928.

It is not known how long Bishop Binsted will remain in Hongkong or what engagements, other than the Consecration, he will be able to fill while here. It is hoped, however, that he may occupy the pulpit at the Cathedral on Sunday morning, July 20.



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Items Of Interest To Swimmers

Combined Gala On July 26 May Be Postponed

Volunteer Manning Causes Disruption

V. Churn And Mrs Murrell Return Fine Times

(By "Tinker")

IT WILL BE A DISAPPOINTMENT, even if only temporary, to the majority of swimmers in the Colony if, as at present indicated, the combined gala on July 26 between the Chinese and the Y.M.C.A.-V.R.C. in aid of the Bomber Fund and the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China.

Reason is the military manoeuvres that week-end which include the Volunteers. The meet has not yet been postponed; a meeting of all the Clubs concerned is being called, but it is most probable.

As regards this gala, however, it seems that there has been a misconception concerning the sides. It was originally planned as one between the combined Chinese Clubs and the combined V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A. Several people now think that it is the combined Chinese who are on one side, and under that title Charles Huang, of the V.R.C., has been included in that team.

In actual fact, with middle and long distance swimmers like Chan Chun-nam and Yau Sai-kwan, and with sprinters like Ng Nin, Tsang Cheong-ming and Ng Chun-man, the combined Chinese (even without the word "Clubs" attached) could afford to leave Huang to swim for the V.R.C. where he would be much more useful.

What with lack of training and illness, there is something of a dearth of good free-style swimmers in the V.R.C. this year. I frankly don't know what has happened to David Hutchinson. He was at the V.R.C. on Saturday for the gala against Lai Tsun but he did not take part.

D. H. Taylor is not yet in trim. W. Lawrence is ill—in fact, as recently stated, the V.R.C. haven't a man in form that is capable of under 26 seconds for the 50 yards.

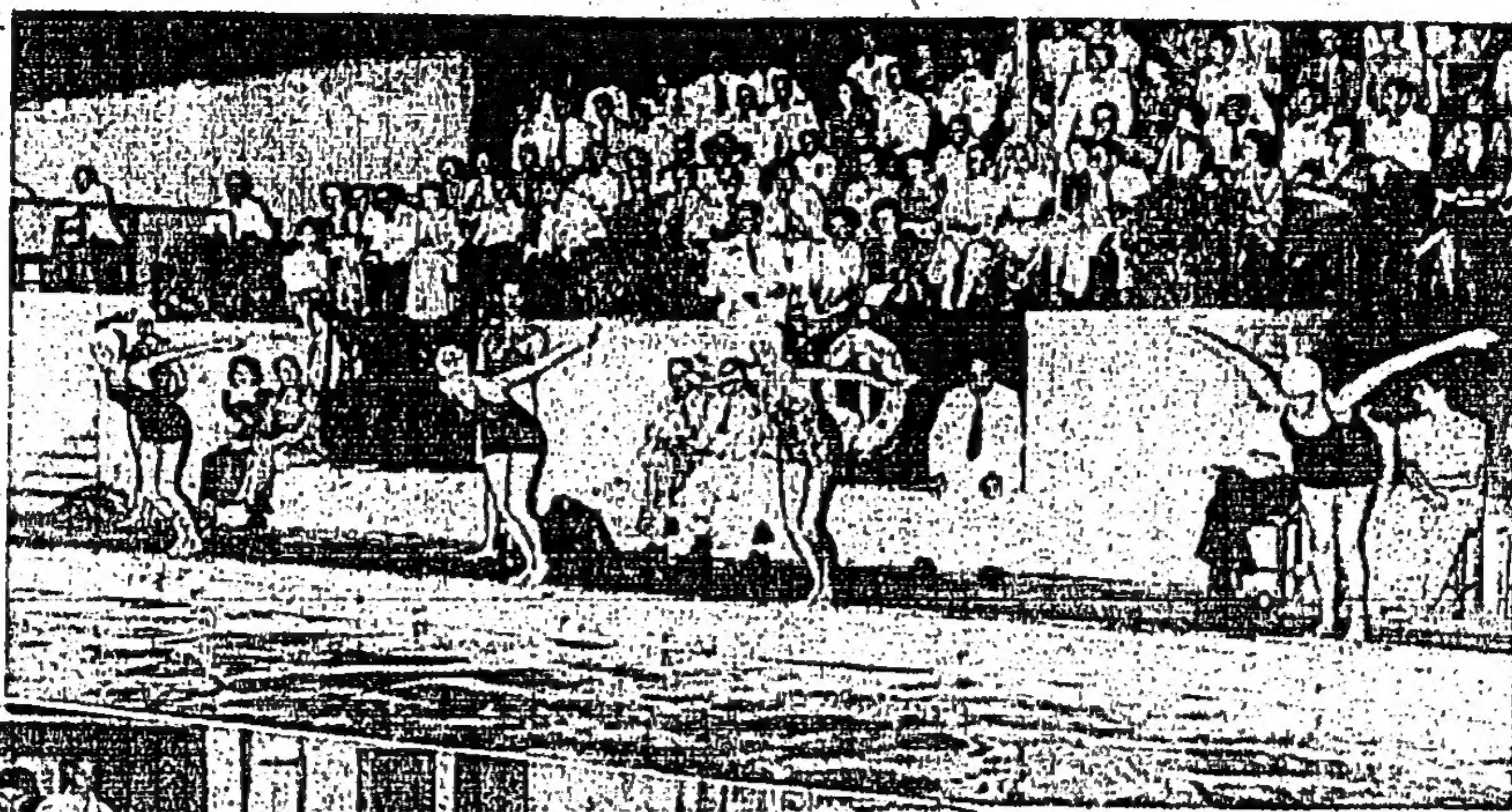
However, if times were correct as given to me on Saturday night, Charles Huang clocked 25 dead in the 150 yards medley relay.

Without Lawrence or Hutchinson, the time for the 100 yards was comparatively poor. Lau Tai-ping won this event in 50.4 seconds, with Lionel Roza-Pereira one second behind.

And in the 440 yards, without the champion, Chan Chun-nam, Lai Tsun took first place through Yau Sai-kwan who beat Charles Huang by several yards in 5 minutes 37.4 seconds.

In this event, though Chan Chun-nam acted with dual motive—that of giving his younger colleague an opportunity of showing his pace, while at the same time reserving himself for the 800 yards free-style relay which came later—quite a number of people were disappointed when it was announced that Chan was not swimming.

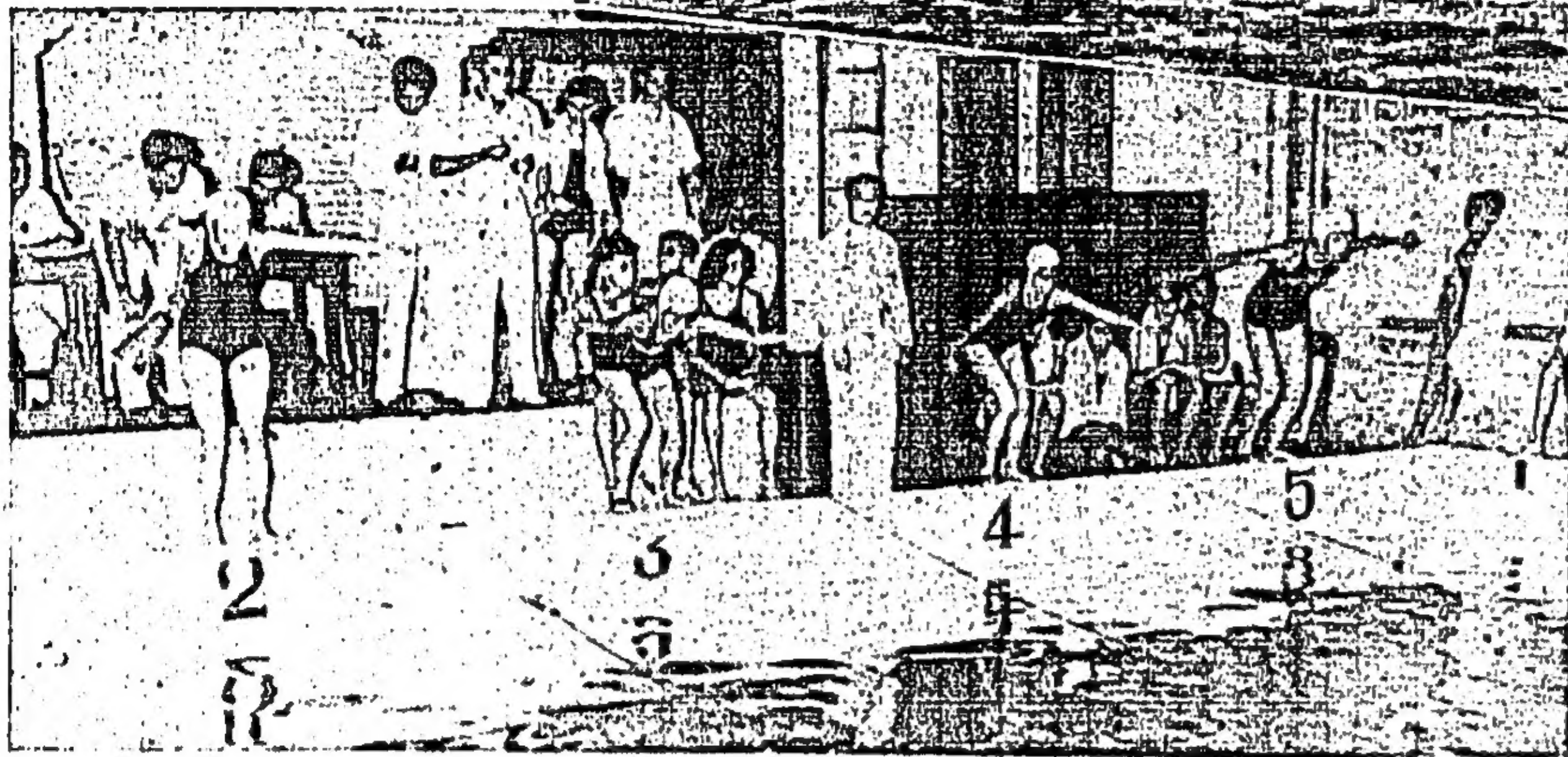
V.R.C. won the meet, but main thanks must go to the women.



Ladies In Limelight

Top: Start of the invitation race (one length) at the Nurses gala in the Army pool on Saturday. Left to right: Miss L. Hope, Miss Joan Critchell, Miss Christiansen and Mrs Pittendrigh.

Left: The women's 50 yards breast-stroke event at the V.R.C.-Lai Tsun gala at the V.R.C. Starters were Miss V. Churn, Miss Li Po-kum, Miss M. Noronha and Miss Ko Mu-ling—Miss Yuen.



Vivienne Churn, in particular, was in exceptional form and besides, smashing her own record for the 50 yards, contributed greatly to the breaking of those in the 150 yards medley and the 200 yards free-style relays.

I must admit I was wrong in estimating that Jackie Anderson was capable of beating Miss Churn, for I had not calculated on the value of the semi-secret training sessions that are being held most mornings in the European Y.M.C.A. pool.

While pointing out that in the 50 yards, Miss Anderson made an atrocious turn at the end of the bath, there is no evading the truth that Miss Churn is yet the better swimmer.

I know several people who have the expectations of seeing the champion break into the 20's for her time in the 50 yards when the Championships come along.

Put from Mrs. Murrell, if she swims, will come a spirited challenge. Her time of 19.4 seconds for 33 1/2 yards at the Nurses gala in the Army pool works out (on proportion) to 29.7 seconds for the 50 yards.

TIMES from the Chinese trials held on Sunday were nothing startling. Ng Nin was prominent in both the 50 metres free-style and breast-stroke, swimming the first in 27.8/6 secs, and the second in 31.9 secs. These times transposed into yards would be 25.2 secs and 29.2 secs respectively (approximately).

Charles Huang completed the 100 metres in 64.6 secs which is about 50.1 secs for the 100 yards—an extremely respectable time.

Ng Nin, taking a lesson from the Colony championships last year, was absent from the 100 metres race, serving himself for the relays on the evening of the gala.

How To Play Baseball

4. Second Basemen

SECOND BASE, the strategic centre of the diamond (both the second base and the shortstop area) should be protected by fast, cool-headed, consistent ball players. Very often, it is the pivot point of a double play.

1. POSITION OF THE SECOND BASEMAN. This will vary but in most cases he should play as far away and as far back of the base line as will permit him to field that territory. The ground to his left is usually more easily covered. When there is a runner on third and it is necessary to play the ball hard, he should play on or in front of the base line. He should play close to second especially if he is naturally weak on ground balls on his right side, and must play towards first when a sacrifice is expected.

2. FIELDING THE POSITION. He should have the play sized up before he has the ball in his hands. Get in front of ground balls and at least stop them. Should be fumble he can still throw the runner out at first. He should not be afraid of making errors.

3. THROWING. In most cases his throws are short, either to second or first. He probably uses the underhand throw more than any other infielder, especially when going in fast on easy rolling balls and those he fumbles.

A toss should be used on double plays when the ball is fielded close to second base. It is much easier for the shortstop to throw if the ball is above his waist on all the throws from the second baseman. Many times the second baseman will have to throw on the run or by jumping into the air on throwing, but if it is possible for him to plant the right foot, he should step inside the diamond away from the runner and then throw.

4. COVERING FIRST BASE. He should be ready to cover first base when first baseman and pitcher are fielding a hit ball, and also when first base is occupied and there is no one out also, whenever first baseman is so far out of position that it will be impossible for him to cover it.

5. COVERING SECOND BASE. Be ready to do so when there is a runner on first, especially with one or two out. If right-handed batter is up, second baseman usually takes the catcher's throw.

He should have a signal with the pitcher and catcher when he will cover the bag when occupied. In this case, the shortstop usually takes the throws from the pitcher, the second baseman from the catcher.

He should also cover second on short hits into right field. The second baseman should always try to get in a position to tag the runner as quickly as possible, but he should not do so at the expense of fumbling the ball. He should not run to meet the runner but should keep the ball between the runner and the bag.

He should not strike the runner so hard that the ball is dropped. He should try to receive the ball and tag the runner with the same motion.

6. ALERTNESS. The second baseman should be alert to back up the first baseman when he can foresee that the catcher is likely to throw to that base. He should back up second when the shortstop is taking the throw. He should advance into the field on long hits into right.

Major Baseball

Detroit Tigers Overwhelm Senators

NEW YORK, July 17 (UP).—Detroit Tigers overwhelmed Washington Senators 7-1 in the American League to-day. Scores were: AMERICAN LEAGUE

League Tennis

Craigengower Beaten By South China

SOUTH CHINA A.A. maintained their unbeaten record in the "D" Division of the Tennis League yesterday when they beat Craigengower 6 1/2-2 1/2 at King's Park, while close upon their heels, the Chinese R.C., also unbeaten, scored over the Jewish R.C. 5 1/2-3 1/2.

Third game played resulted in a draw, 4 1/2-4 1/2, between the Army T.C. and the Indian R.C.

Scores were:

S.C.A.A. 6 1/2 C.C.C. 2 1/2

South China beat Craigengower 6 1/2-2 1/2. C. P. Ip and W. H. Mok lost to R. M. Au and C. M. Lee 4-6; beat Y. C. Mok and Y. H. Leung 6-2; drew with H. Wong and C. Y. Yu 6-6.

H. K. Ho and C. L. Lau beat Au and Lee 6-3; beat Mok and Leung 6-1; lost to Wong and Yu 6-4.

K. C. Shid and K. C. Wong beat Au and Lee 6-3; beat Mok and Leung 6-1; beat Wong and Yu 6-4.

Army 4 1/2 J.R.C. 4 1/2

Army drew with Indians 4 1/2-4 1/2. S. H. Haim and J. Godkin beat M. S. Hussain and M. I. Razack 6-1; beat A. J. Sufad and U. A. Rumahn 6-2.

Sgt. Mitchell and Sgt. Eley drew with Hussain and Singh 6-6; lost to Hussain and Razack 4-6; beat Sufad and Rumahn 6-2.

Sgt. Coughlin and Bdr Mew lost to Hussain and Singh 6-6; lost to Hussain and Razack 3-6; lost to Sufad and Rumahn 6-7.

J.R.C. 3 1/2 C.R.C. 5 1/2

Jewish R.C. lost to Chinese R.C. 3 1/2-5 1/2. S. H. Haim and J. Godkin beat M. S. Hussain and M. I. Razack 6-3; lost to C. N. Tang and T. F. Choy 3-6; beat M. C. Lau and C. T. Yu 6-2.

A. H. Pollak and M. Talan lost to Wong and Lau 1-6; lost to Tang and Choy 1-6; drew with Lau and Tso 6-6.

F. Whitcomb and A. Odell lost to Wong and Lau 2-6; lost to Tang and Choy 1-6; beat Lau and Tso 6-2.

Match Postponed

Philippines v. Post Office and Post Office v. Kowloon Indians were postponed.

Lai Tsun Swimmers Far Too Good

SWIMMERS of the Lai Tsun Swimming Union proved far too good for those of the Royal Scots and Small Units when they were entertained in a gala at the Army pool last night. In all but the water-polo the Chinese took first place.

Times were below average, but once again Yau Sai-kwan, second string to Chan Chun-nam, scored over Charles Huang in the quarter mile.

This was in the 440 yards invitation race. Yau led almost from the start, and eventually finished about seven seconds ahead of the V.R.C. quarter-miler.

The two invitation relay races were cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

Souvenir pennants were presented by Miss Rosaline Grant to the successful swimmers.

100 yards.—1, Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun); 2, Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun); 3, Pte. MacDonald (Army); Time 1:00.

100 yards back-stroke.—1, Poon Wing-kai (Lai Tsun); 2, Lau Yu-ting (Lai Tsun); 3, Lieut. Hunter (Army); Time 1:40.

440 yards invitation.—1, Yau Sai-kwan (Lai Tsun) (5:47); 2, Charles Huang (V.R.C.) (5:54).

100 yards breast-stroke.—1, Tsang Cheong-po (Lai Tsun); 2, Luk See-sing (Lai Tsun); 3, Cpl Bedford (Army); Time 1:03.

200 yards medley relay.—1, Lai Tsun (Lai Tsun); 2, Tsang Cheong-ming, Lau Tai-ping, Army (Lieut. Hunter, Cpl Bedford, Sgt. Bennett); Time 2:18.

Eight lengths relay.—1, Lai Tsun (Lai Tsun); 2, Tsang Cheong-ming, Chan Chun-nam, Poon Wing-kai; 3, Army (Sgt. Allen, Lieut. Millar, Pte MacDonald, Sgt. Bennett); Time 2:18.

Seven lengths medley relay.—1, Lai Tsun (Tsang Cheong-ming, Yau Sai-kwan, Chan Chun-nam, Lau Tai-ping); 2, Army (Hagan Pummer, Sir Hunt, Pte Eims, Pte McIlhenny); Time 2:21.

Water-polo.—Army 5 Allen (4), Hunt (3), MacDonald, Bennett v. Lai Tsun 2 (Lau Yau-ting 2).

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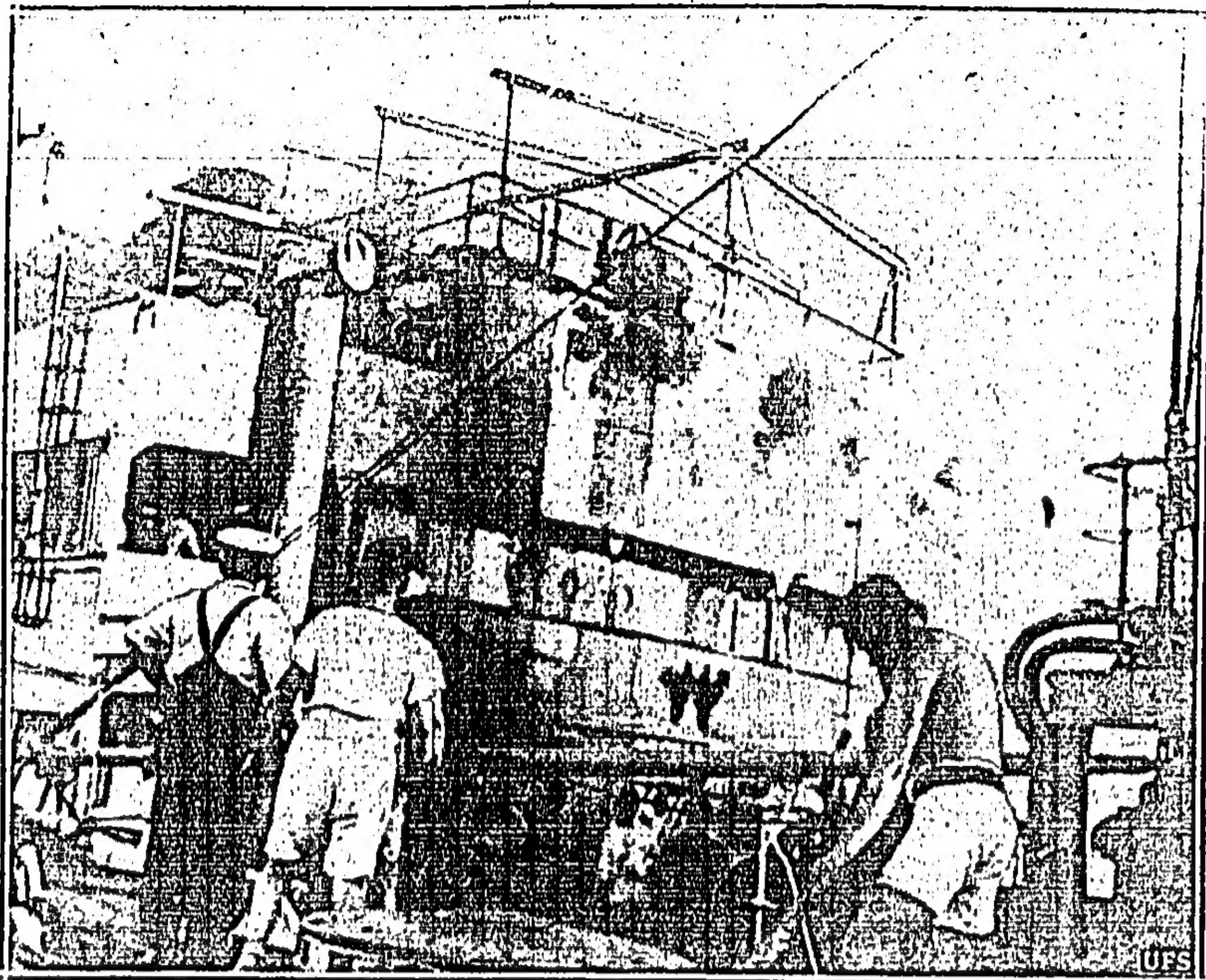
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NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



SHIP DOOMED—German freighter Idarwald attempted to run British blockade off Cuba last December, but British warship intercepted her and crew scuttled ship. Here, British seamen battle flames and attempt to shut seacocks. Picture has just been released

Secret Nazi Orders Found In Recent Lofoten Raid

What is officially described as a picture of calculated tyranny by the German overlords in Norway is painted by a remarkable series of enemy documents seized during the British raid on the Lofoten Islands in March.

The captured papers, all of them marked "secret," had been circulated by the German Command to local officers. They were discovered in the military harbour control post at Svolvær, a town in the islands.

Collectively, they show that the Nazis, despite Gestapo terrorism, still fear the resentment of their subject people, who, they admit, are unhelpful and "remain pro-English."

The need to meet the situation by at least some outward display of moderation is urged in a document issued from Oslo just before Christmas by Gen. von Falkenhorst, the German Commander-in-Chief in Norway.

Caution Urged On Nazis

"Appearances would indicate," he wrote, "that the temper and attitude of the Norwegian population have recently stiffened against our endeavours. For this reason it has become necessary, and it is more than ever urged, that restraint and caution be exercised."

The document also revealed these regulations:

"Nazi troops are forbidden to share in any discussions on purely domestic politics."

"When riots, demonstrations or 'beatings up' had their origin in political causes the soldiers must remove themselves at once to avoid 'becoming' involved as idle spectators in the discussion and thereby placing themselves in an invidious position vis-a-vis not only the Norwegians, but also the police."

"German military intervention may occur only respecting incidents constituting a threat to the troops or army property, or a demonstration against the Occupying Power and the Fuehrer, in such cases, von Falkenhorst orders, 'military force should be brought into action in its full severity.'"

Quislings Stand Alone

In another document, one signed by the Chief of the General Staff in

Norway on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief, it is confessed that: "Neither the Executive Council nor other political group is in a position or even desirous of assuming a responsible way-the-government of Norway."

"With the exception of the Nasjonal-Samlings party (the Quisling group); all other organisations and parties remain, now as before, pro-English and consequently anti-German."

"The Norwegian people and their former leaders are in no position to adapt themselves to the political situation and to fulfil the demands of the New Era."

"In spite of repeated proffered opportunities of taking over the control of domestic politics in their own country, the Norwegians have continued only to make a pretence of falling in with these offers."

"At the critical moment, however, they have always refused to shoulder the responsibility, and are consequently pursuing a deliberate policy of hold-back and wait-and-see to gain time."

A striking foreword to the White Paper notes as "most significant" the whole odium of Nazi oppression should fall on the Gestapo and its Norwegian police underlings, while the army, apart from circumstances that may require it to strike ruthlessly and with the severest measures, is left to try to ingratiate itself with the population and be the chief agent in the setting up of the German "New Order."

Gestapo's Wide Powers

The Gestapo has summary executive powers. It can, for instance, prohibit a man from practising his trade or profession, order fines or

confiscations and impose imprisonment.

Examples are given of offences requiring military action:

If a Norwegian girl who is friendly to the Germans has her hair cut short the culprit is to be immediately arrested.

[Note: It has been reported previously that loyal Norwegians cut the hair of girls friendly to the Nazis as a warning to others.]

In the same document the Nazi chief police inspector gives examples of offences in which the Gestapo is to take action. These are:

The boycott of Norwegian householders of Germans looking for lodgings;

Boycott of pro-German Norwegians;

Distribution of anti-German leaflets;

Sending chain letters of anti-German content;

Compilation of black-lists of pro-German Norwegians.

Newspapers may publish only such news as is designed to further, or at least not to hinder, the policy of the German Reich.

Air France Men For de Gaulle

The majority of the personnel in South America of Air France, the famous French civil air line, appear to be supporters of the Free French movement and General de Gaulle.

This is confirmed by a circular letter from the authorities of the Free French movement to the de Gaulle societies in America.

Some technicians from South America are already on their way from South America to Montreal, via New York, to join the Royal Canadian Air Force.

NAZIS ERASING ALL POLISH COLLEGES Academic Life Blotted Out

Writing in the current "Bulletin of the Institute of International Education," Professor Oscar Halecki, now at Vassar College and formerly professor of Eastern history at the University of Warsaw, reports the appointment of a "curator" in German-occupied Poland charged with the "liquidation" of all Polish universities. According to Professor Halecki, appointment of the curator was announced last winter in the official journal of the German occupation authorities.

"Since the invasion of 1939," Professor Halecki writes, "it had been declared repeatedly that the Polish institutions of higher and even secondary education were to disappear forever. Hence the final decision was not surprising. The systematic destruction of a whole nation's academic life is, however, unprecedented in history and no similar action has been taken by the Nazis in any other occupied country."

Outlining the history and traditions of some of the Polish universities, Professor Halecki, who also was dean of the faculty of social studies at the Warsaw School of Political Science, recalls that a number of them are among the oldest in Europe. "Cracow University," he writes, "was founded in 1364, only sixteen years after Prague, and earlier than any German university."

Trapped By Lecture

"The fate of Cracow University was practically cruel. On Nov. 6, 1939, almost the entire teaching staff, more than 470, having been invited to a festive lecture, were arrested and taken to the concentration camp at Sachsenhausen - Oranienburg. Seventeen of the victims, including men over seventy, and scholars of international fame such as Professors Chazanowski, Estrachewski, Kosciuszko, Siedlecki and Sternbach, died as a consequence of inhuman treatment."

"While more than 100 were released after several months, some of them, seriously ill, are still suffering at Sachsenhausen. A group of younger scholars has been transferred to Dachau."

"At the University of Poznan, situated in that part of Poland which was at once incorporated into Germany, its professors, if not arrested, have been expelled from their homes and deported to Central Poland. Here again persecution resulted in the death of some great scholars, including Professor Dembinski."

Bishop Of Lublin Held

"The University of Lublin was partly destroyed when military objectives were bombed in the city and, being a Catholic institution, was first to disappear. Its ex-officio Chancellor, the Bishop of Lublin, has been sent to a concentration camp."

According to Professor Halecki, the University of Warsaw suffered severely during the bombardment of that city. Half of its buildings, serving as hospitals, were destroyed, he reports, and a number of institutes and private collections of individual professors burned.

Two Polish universities came under Soviet control, he adds, but their situation is equally disastrous. "The University of Vilno had been closed by the Lithuanians on Dec. 15, teaching is still going on, especially in such fields as medicine and engineering, but the university came under Communist control at once. The president was replaced by a student from Kiev, and a considerable number of professors are among the many thousands of 'Poles' who are being deported to Siberia."

PREMIER'S SON IN EAST

Lieut. Randolph Churchill, son of the Prime Minister and member of Parliament for Preston, has been serving in the front line in the Middle East for several months, his wife disclosed during a visit to his constituency.

Shipping Losses In The War

The total British, Allied, and neutral shipping losses from the beginning of the war to the end of April this year were 1508 ships, representing 6,127,673 tons.

Figures issued by the Admiralty showed that the losses in April of this year, excluding those incurred in the evacuation from Greece, were the lowest during the last 11 months, while the figures for the previous month of March were the highest, apart from June, which included most of the Dunkirk losses during the same period.

"This gives us an indication that the measures we have taken to protect our shipping are being effective, and that there are no sign that the results of the great efforts the enemy is making will enable him to attain the quick victory he needs," was the comment in authoritative quarters in London.

This Year's Losses

The Admiralty figures show that in the four months of 1941 we lost 250 ships, representing 1,089,710 tons.

This makes the total British losses for the war 923 ships, of 3,896,242 tons.

The totals for British, Allied, and neutral losses are:

1939	211 ships	741,614 tons.
1940	223 ships	3,702,706 tons.
1941	1,089,710 tons.	

The losses for April of this year, excluding those incurred in the Greek evacuation, were 301,070 tons.

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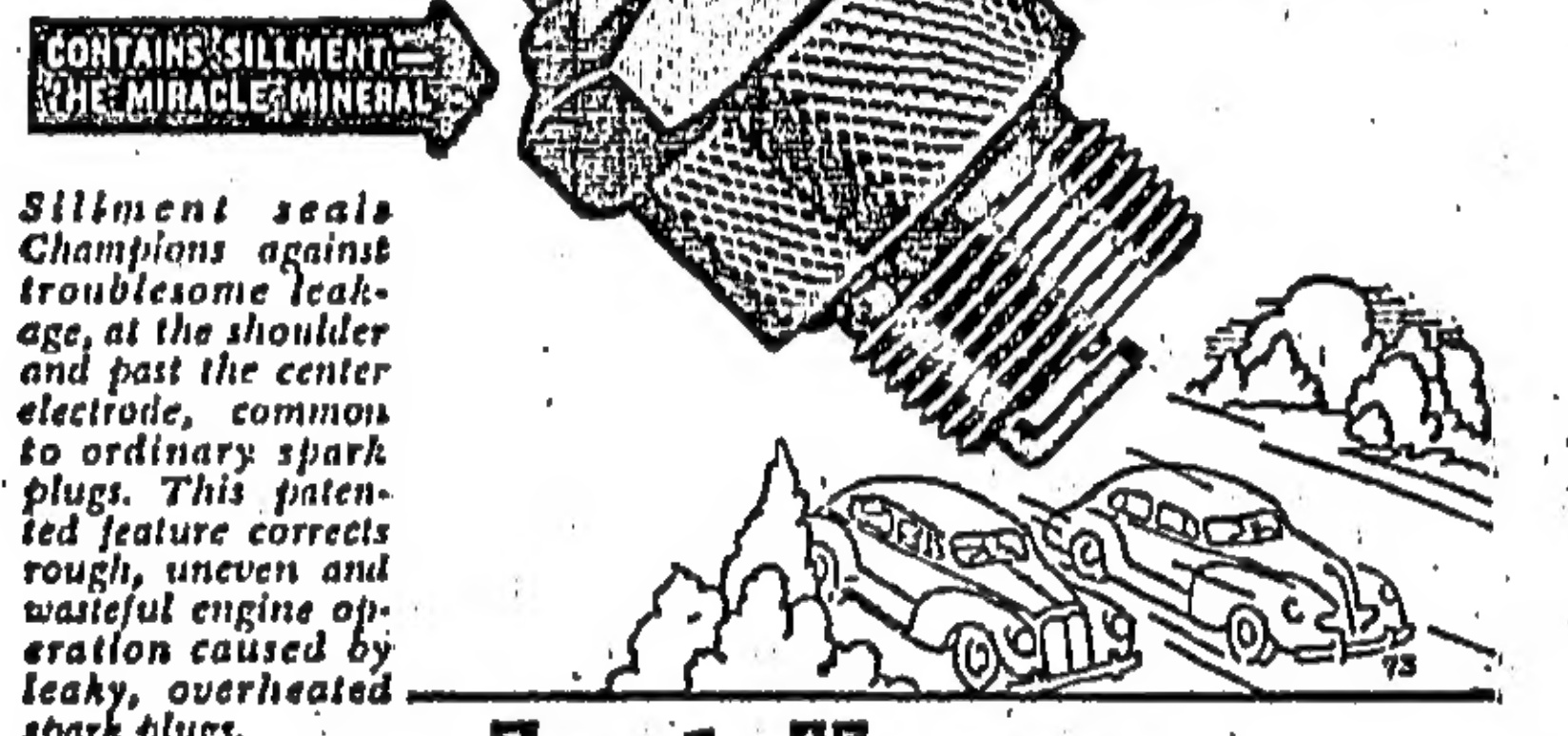
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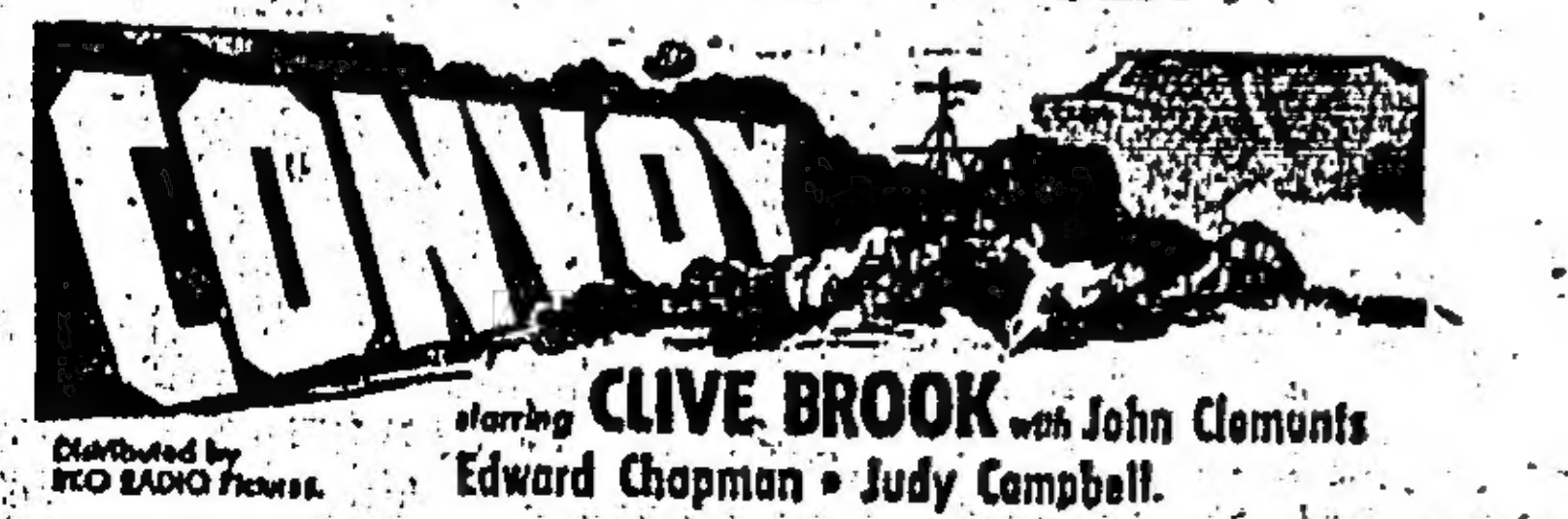
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Konoye To Head New Cabinet

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tion ceremonies will follow at the Imperial Palace in the evening.
After Prince Konoye's departure, he conferred with Koza Ota, a member of the House of Peers and Chief Secretary to the former Minister of Communications, and conferred for 30 minutes before returning to see Baron Hirota.

Meanwhile high officials of the War and Navy Ministries held separate conferences—talks reliably indicating that the armed forces are ready to co-operate with Prince Konoye's effort to a new cabinet.

Financial Reaction
Financial circles generally interpret Prince Konoye's acceptance as an indication that no immediate changes are pending regarding domestic and international policies. Financial and industrial leaders urge that this third Konoye Cabinet should immediately undertake, firstly, increased production of war industries by stricter state control of oil, coal and the chemical industries; secondly, enforcement of a new programme of fiscal and monetary management; thirdly, stricter control of food to protect the nation's standard of living.

The resignation of the old cabinet was received by the Tokyo Stock Exchange with cautious calm though shipping shares were weak.

Boost For Konoye
The "Japan Times and Advertiser" in an editorial, states: "Out of the change in administrative machinery will, we feel confident, emerge a cabinet inheriting the character and force of the one which Prince Konoye and his eminent chief colleagues have built up. Some new faces will be seen and new talent added, yet the policy of a strongly united state, committed to a high condition of defence and political continuity, assuredly will remain."

German Hope
LONDON, July 17 (Reuter).—The German Government has expressed the hope that the new Japanese Cabinet will be exclusively military.

Should Enter War
ZURICH, July 17 (Reuter).—References to the Tripartite Pact in the semi-official "Diplomatic Correspondence" to-day are regarded by the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" as a strong hint to Japan to form a military government, give up her hesitation and enter the war on Germany's side.

Tojo and Oikawa
TOKYO, July 17 (Reuter).—Prince Konoye's success in forming his third Cabinet is reported to be very promising, with General Tojo, War Minister, and Admiral Oikawa, Navy Minister, reported to be remaining.

Commons To Debate War Production

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period is the favourite one for political overhauls. Thus speculation is busy with the Ministry of Information, Ministry of Labour and some other departments in which changes have been considered possible for sometime past.

Some Changes
There is at present no confirmation for the various forecasts which are current. That some changes may be made within the next few weeks cannot be excluded. That they will be extensive is unlikely.

Although discretion in the matter rests entirely with the Premier, the House of Commons certainly would not tolerate anything which has weakened or slowed up the nation's war effort. Indeed, if there are changes they will be directed towards the acceleration and co-ordination of effort—a purpose which is being mandated in an increasing degree by all parties in both Houses.

Defence Production Demands

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, July 17 (UP).—The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, at a press conference to-day declared that non-defence manufacturing must be sharply restricted immediately if defence production is to be increased to the desired levels. He cited the automobile industry as a "glaring example."

Empire Economics Closely Linked

LONDON, July 17 (Reuter).—Economic co-operation between Britain, the Dominions and America is steadily developing.

The Secretary of Overseas Trade, Mr. Harcourt Johnstone, told the House of Commons to-day that he was glad to be able to make this statement and added that the British Government and no doubt the Dominion Government also, look to it becoming closer still.

As one example, Mr. Johnstone pointed to the fact that the Wheat Advisory Committee is now meeting in Washington under the chairmanship of a British delegate.

It is learned that certain dealers in oil for human consumption are reaping a profit by selling pennuol, mixed with a substance known as cotton-seed oil, to the general public.

Syrian Thrust Cut Axis Web Of Intrigue In Time

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent With Imperial Troops in Syria)

BEIRUT, July 17.—Dr Fritz Grobba, the German Minister in Baghdad, returned to Syria after the Iraq rebellion with two sacks of gold. When he reached a hotel in North Syria, the manager and porter and another man were needed to carry one sack to his bed-room.

This is but one of the amazing stories told me by a British resident in Beirut, who has just finished five weeks of internment.

He also said that the Germans even promised to bring aviation fuel to Syria by submarine. This was discovered when a telephone call from a prominent Vichy official to Dr Renauld, the principal German delegate at Aleppo, was overheard.

When the British entered Syria, Dr Renauld telephoned daily to a leading member of the High Commissioner's office requesting the latest news from the front. Finally he came to Beirut with a "petit personnel" to make direct contact with General Dentz, and after hearing the latest reports, he fled from the country.

Blitzkrieg Planned

There is no shadow of a doubt that Germany had planned in detail a blitzkrieg on Syria, aiming at the complete occupation of Syria and Lebanon. I learn from Britons in Beirut, and the British action was not only timely but desperately necessary.

I also learn that even after the British penetration of Syria and the end of the Iraq rebellion, the Germans were still pouring material into Syrian aerodromes, copying the Bulgarian infiltration.

A Aleppo aerodrome, at least 60 officials were buying material such as lorries, cars, radios and furniture for officers' quarters. Additional quarters had even been reserved in the town for extra staff.

Luftwaffe Departure

The reason for the sudden departure of the Luftwaffe is given by a remark of Colonel von Manteuffel at the aerodrome at Aleppo bidding farewell to the Vichy staff: "We are going because we don't want to give credence to the reports of the German occupation of Syria."

The German and Italian Legations have both left the country. I learn that they are now living in ancient Antioch in Turkey. They are reported to be in a state of perplexity, not knowing what to do next.

Syria Under Control

CAIRO, July 17 (Reuter).—Under the terms of the Convention the Allies have now occupied selective strategic points in central and southeast Syria.

British and Indian troops, whose rapid advance from Iraq and Palestine was arrested only when negotiations for cessation of hostilities were initiated, are now in the process of occupying further positions in the northern area.

The occupation of Beirut has been completed and a cordial reception was accorded to the Allies and particularly to the Australian forces who have been in the forefront of the advance in the coastal sector.

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LINK WITH EUROPE

Twelve-Hour Trans-Atlantic Service Envisaged

Crediting the war with having made both necessary and possible the "forced-draft technical advancement of trans-oceanic air service," Mr J. T. Trippe, President of the Pan American Airways System, told British aviation experts in London recently that he confidently expected to see multiple daily schedules, requiring but twelve hours for the non-stop continent-to-continent flight, in regular operation over this "aerial life-line" between the United States and Europe within the next two years.

"And it not been for the war," Mr Trippe said, "three nations, and more probably six, would have been operating parallel services to the Atlantic line across the Atlantic. The advent of war, however, left the United States, the first in the field, to maintain essential trans-oceanic air communications across both the Pacific and the Atlantic."

While the Pan American service was originally instituted on both the Great Circle route, via Ireland, to England, and the mid-Atlantic route, via Lisbon, to France, conditions imposed by the war have limited the service to the mid-Atlantic route, with a single terminal in Lisbon, Portugal. From this port, the scheduled transport services of the three belligerent powers, Great Britain, Germany, and Italy, make connections with the Clippers for onward dispatch and collection of mails from and to the United States. In addition, companies of Portuguese nationality provide onward service to Spain and across the Mediterranean to North Africa.

To date, the Pan American Clippers have completed 352 scheduled trans-Atlantic crossings, Mr Trippe reported. On these flights they have transported the record totals of 4,685 passengers, 445,390 pounds of United States mail, and 305,350 pounds of foreign mails. The trans-Atlantic Clippers have flown 1,500,000 miles across the ocean and have flown more than 20,500,000 passenger miles "without incident."

Winter Schedules

By overlying Horta on eastbound trips throughout the winter and following the South Atlantic route via West Africa on westbound trips, the Clippers were able to complete 50 per cent more westbound crossings than during the previous winter. Of a total of 25 trips scheduled only 14 were completed in three winter months of 1940. In 1941, 21 of these flights were completed via the Southern Route, a record of 84 per cent performance against 50 per cent for 1940. Traffic-wise, the change of route proved equally satisfactory. In the winter of 1940, 286 persons were carried from Lisbon to New York. During the winter of 1941, this total reached 471 for the period and this in spite of an increase of mail loads from 33,247 pounds to 45,404 pounds.

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCES

H.Q. Units Abroad

SYDNEY, July 17 (Reuter).—The Government is considering the establishment of R.A.F. administrative units in the Middle East and England.

This is in order to co-operate with R.A.F. commands in view of the many Australian airmen fighting in the theatres of war, declared Mr K. McEwen, a member of the War Cabinet.

It is proposed to review the policy of not publishing the names of airmen distinguishing themselves, he further declared.

In the Colony of Hongkong, including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories, during the week ended on Saturday, there were altogether 95 traffic accidents as a result of which four persons were killed and 24 persons were injured.

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Konoye To Head New Cabinet With Army And Navy Blessings

TOKYO, July 17 (Reuter).—Prince Konoye has accepted the Imperial command to form a new Cabinet and has already received a pledge of co-operation from the War and Navy Ministers.

The senior statesmen met this afternoon to choose the candidate for the premiership and the Marquis Koichi Kido, Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal, went to the Imperial Palace to report their decision to the Emperor who, with the Empress, had returned from the country villa only 25 minutes earlier.

A little later Prince Konoye arrived at the Palace from where he later went to see Baron Hiranuma, the outgoing Minister of Home Affairs and former Premier, with whom he conferred for an hour.

Prince Konoye at 10 p.m. met the War Minister, Lieut-General Tojo, and the Navy Minister, Admiral Oikawa. The conference is understood to have resulted in a complete agreement of views.

Another meeting was called when Kenji Tomita, the Cabinet's Chief Secretary, was present.

Prince Konoye was previously visited by Yoshiye Saito, the Foreign Ministry adviser.

Form Cabinet To-day

It is expected that Prince Konoye will resume the formation of the Cabinet to-morrow. It is unofficially predicted that he will finish the task during the day and that the installation will be completed by to-morrow.

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Nazi General Killed In Action

Friend Of Hitler

LONDON, July 17 (Reuter).—News that the Nazi Major-General Otto Lancelle has been killed in Russia will be a blow to Hitler with whom he had always been a favourite.

He was one of the men who planned the Munich "putsch" in 1923 and had worked with Hitler ever since.

Lancelle was 56 and came of a family which emigrated to Germany during the French revolution. Always opposed to the Communists, he helped to quell the Communist movement in Munich after the collapse of the German armies.

Refused Weimar Oath

He refused to take the oath of allegiance to the Weimar Republic, preferring to retire from the Army. Later he became one of the founders of the Stahlhelm and when Hitler dissolved the organisation, he was given a command of storm-troopers. On the outbreak of war with Poland, he was promoted to Major-General.

NEW G.O.C. ARRIVES

Hongkong's new General Officer Commanding, Major-General C. M. Malby, M.C., arrived in the Colony this morning aboard the President Madison.

Major-General Malby, who recently held an important appointment in South India, is succeeding Major-General A. E. Grassett, who is leaving this week for a new appointment in England.

HISTORY'S GREATEST BATTLE OF ARMS NOW IN FULL SWING

Special to the "Telegraph"

BERLIN, July 17 (UP).—THE GERMAN WAR MACHINE, SURGING EASTWARD UNDER A CLOAK OF ARTIFICIAL FOG, IN THE "GREATEST STRUGGLE IN WORLD HISTORY", TO-DAY CLAIMED THE CAPTURE OF SMOLENSK ON THE ROAD TO MOSCOW, KISHINEFF, THE Bessarabian CAPITAL, AND OF THE LAST HEAVY DEFENCES OF KIEV.

D.N.B. REPORTED THAT THE ALL-OUT STRUGGLE SAW NINE MILLION MEN AND MASSES OF WEAPONS LOCKED IN BATTLE.

The German official agency stated that the Germans are driving on Leningrad, smashing Red counter-attacks "with the bloodiest losses" while the authorised military spokesman described a gigantic conflict along the entire front "which will probably decide the fate of the Soviet-German war."

D.N.B. revealed that the German break-through on the Stalin line was incomplete, leaving important fortified strongholds in the rear still uncaptured. The strongly defended town of Polotsk, about 40 miles west of the Stalin line on the Vitebsk front, was taken only yesterday, the Germans having passed by it in their first break-through.

Smolensk is stated to be one of the heaviest losses to the Soviet armies so far, according to responsible quarters. The city is an extremely important railway and highway junction and is also one of the largest industrial centres west of Moscow, with big armament and aeroplane factories.

The city had been ceaselessly bombed by the Luftwaffe for the past three days in an effort to put the factories out of commission and to wreck the rear communications of the Red Army.

Smolensk Reports

LONDON, July 17 (Reuter).—On the eastern front the Germans claimed to have captured Smolensk but this has not been substantiated by the German High Command.

It is not unlikely that the Germans are in the vicinity of the city as the Soviets assert that fighting is taking place in that area.

On the eastern front, the Germans state that 9,000,000 men are confronting each other on a scale exceeding anything in history.

No Confirmation

LONDON, July 17 (Reuter).—Up to 6.30 p.m. (G.M.T.) the German radio had still made no mention of the claim by the official German News Agency that the important town of Smolensk, 220 miles west of Moscow, had been captured by the Nazis.

Progress In South

LONDON, July 17 (Reuter).—The German official news agency claims that German and Rumanian troops have reached Kishineff, capital of Bessarabia.

LONDON, July 17 (Reuter).—Mr. Harry Hopkins, who is in charge of the Lend Lease programme, arrived in London to-day.

RUSSIAN REPORT ON THE WAR

No Important Changes

MOSCOW, July 18 (Reuter).—The following is the text of the communique issued by the Soviet Information Bureau early this morning:

"During July 17, our troops waged battles in the directions of Pskov, Porkev, Polotsk, Smolensk, Novograd-Volynsk and on the sector of the Bessarabian front.

"As the result of the fighting, no important change took place in the disposition of our troops on the front."

"During July 17, our air force operated against enemy motor and mechanized troops and destroyed aircraft on aerodromes.

"During July 15 and 16, 98 German aircraft were destroyed. We lost 23."

Advance To Kiev

LONDON, July 18 (Reuter).—Soviet troops are now trying to delay the German advance by attacks on German infantry troops following the armoured advance guards in the Kiev area says the German official news agency early this morning.

Attacks on Murmansk Railway

HELSINKI, July 17 (UP).—A communique states that enemy railroads were bombed and cut at several points and in some cases transport trains were directly hit. The Murmansk railway was attacked by Finnish bombers at Luotimäen, Oulotola and Petroskoi.

Naval Parley In Washington

WASHINGTON, July 17 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has called a conference of chief naval advisors for late to-day. The men summoned are Colonel Knox, Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, Rear-Admiral Ernest King, Commander of the Atlantic Fleet, and Rear-Admiral Richmond Turner, Chief of the War Plans Division of the Naval Operations Office.

Newfoundland and Trinidad

WASHINGTON, July 17 (Reuter).—Two full-fledged naval operations bases are to be commissioned, one at Argentia, Newfoundland, and the other at Trinidad, the Navy has announced.

The bases will have maintenance and overhaul facilities for warships operating in the Atlantic.

Previous Navy announcements indicated that the Newfoundland base would consist merely of a naval air station. Navy sources to-day say that it will have fleet anchorage, refuelling and limited overhaul facilities for battleships, aircraft-carriers, cruisers and other warships.

The Argentina base will cost \$17,050,000 and the Trinidad base \$17,865,000, they being two of the sites leased from Britain in exchange for destroyers.

R.A.F. Damage 17 Enemy Ships

LONDON, July 17 (Reuter).—A motor vessel of 17,000 tons was hit by several bombs, one falling between the funnels, when British Blenheim bombers raided Rotterdam yesterday afternoon.

In all, 17 ships of an estimated tonnage of between 90,000 and 100,000 tons have been put out of action.

British aircraft attacked a 6,000 ton enemy tanker in the Channel late yesterday evening. In spite of heavy anti-aircraft fire, the tanker was hit amidships by torpedoes and left sinking.

Five Fighters Down

LONDON, July 17 (Reuter).—Five German fighter planes were destroyed to-day—two during an offensive sweep over Northern France and three during patrols over the Channel, states the British Air Ministry.

Two British fighters are missing. Fighters of the British Air Force have been active over Northern France and the Channel to-day.

Raid on The Hague

BERLIN, July 17 (UP).—The D.N.B. reports from the Hague that British planes last night dropped explosive and incendiary bombs in Holland, killing 53 and wounding 54.

WAVELL IN INDIA

Praises Country's Aid In Mediterranean Campaign

SIMLA, July 17 (Reuter).—

"India has given every possible assistance and without it, the campaign in the Western Desert and the occupation of Syria could hardly have been carried out," declared General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief in India, at a press conference to-day.

It had been an inspiration to him, he said, to see the magnificent work of the Indian troops in the Middle East and to know of India's great war effort from the invaluable assistance given him there.

A Leading Role

General Wavell emphasised that in the Middle East and elsewhere the forces from India continue to play a leading part and contribute towards final victory.

Referring to India's defence, General Wavell said, "So long as we have so many young men willing to serve and such fine material, and so long as India continues to produce war material in addition to the supplies coming from England, we need have no doubt as to the defence of India."

LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

Value Of Russia As Ally

Sir Ronald Cross Drops A Brick

SYDNEY, July 17 (Reuter).—"I rejoice that we have this powerful nation on our side. Russia is our Ally, and those who hate her and express hatred by words or deeds certainly are not friends of Britain at the present time."

This statement was made by the Australian Attorney General and Navy Minister, Mr. W. M. Hughes, replying to a statement alleged to have been made by the new High Commissioner, Sir Ronald Cross, on his arrival in Australia yesterday.

Sir Ronald Cross is reported to have said: "The Russian system of Government is hated throughout England; only a tiny minority think that it is better than the Nazi dictatorship. Sir Ronald protested at being quoted out of the context of his remarks and said that the report did not convey his real meaning. He went on, 'I agree with Mr. Churchill's remarks about Communism. In the past, I have not even begun to say what Mr. Churchill said about Communism. It is not my business to engage in controversy but I agree with Mr. Churchill's attitude towards Communism.'"

No Commitment

Mr. Hughes had also said, "Mr. Churchill's recent speech answers Sir Ronald Cross with whose views I disagree. The alliance does not commit Russia to the acceptance of our theory of democracy nor does it commit us to accept Communism."

Meanwhile Mr. Menzies remarked on Mr. Hughes' comments, "Mr. Hughes was not speaking on behalf of the Australian Government. Sir Ronald Cross is a highly qualified man from Britain. If he is not at liberty to make a statement regarding the position in Britain I completely misunderstand the situation."

U. S. ARMY REACHES PEAK

NEW DIVE-BOMBERS

WASHINGTON, July 17 (Reuter).—United States land forces have reached a peacetime peak of 1,477,000, of whom 624,000 are selective trainees, said Mr. Patterson, Under-Secretary of War, at a press conference to-day.

He added that the War Department had received a "substantial delivery" of A24 new Douglas light dive-bombers which, he declared, would "out-perform any dive-bomber in Europe."

Command Changes

Mr. Patterson said that following yesterday's re-shuffle in Army High Command, which involved 17 Major-Generals, there would be more changes in conformity with the War Department's policy of "assigning Generals to duties which they are believed to perform more effectively."

Replying to questions, Mr. Patterson said that the changes "were not closely linked" with the recent exercises in Tennessee.

Moscow Asserts Victory Certain: Blitz Failure

MOSCOW, July 17 (Reuter).—It is now regarded as absolutely inevitable that the Nazis will be defeated ultimately, no matter what setback the Soviets may receive in the meantime.

No Spectacular Results

At the front, no spectacular results have been achieved by the Nazis following the announcement of the second great offensive which began five days ago in Pskov, Vitebsk and Novograd-Volynsk sectors, in spite of very heavy fighting with considerable losses to each side.

Nazi advance columns have succeeded in penetrating as far as the neighbourhood of Smolensk, also to the east of Pskov, although according to reports on Thursday morning, both these towns are still in Soviet hands. The slow German advance is held TURN to Back Page, Column 5

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British Consulate In Macao

Moscow, July 14.
Following the transfer of Mr. H. D. Bryan, British Consul in Macao, to Chungking, Mr. J. P. Reeves has been appointed H. B. M. Consul here, his appointment being announced in the Macao Bulletin Official.

Mr. J. P. Reeves has served in the Consular Service in North China and Manchukuo, being transferred to Macao from Manchukuo.

Mrs. Reeves and her young daughter arrived in Macao yesterday afternoon to join Mr. Reeves, and the consulate, which was installed in the Hotel Riviera, is being moved to more suitable premises—Our Own Correspondent.

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- Pictures submitted in sepia tones should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.
- No picture to be entered in more than one Section.
- Mounts to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes—10x12, 16x20, 18x24.
- No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
- Members of the Staffs of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.
- The decision of the Judges shall be final.
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Commons Will Debate War Production Again

(By "Reuter's" Parliamentary Correspondent)

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1.00 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.05 A Light Irish Programme.—St. Patrick's Night (Paddy O'Brien gives a Party); Irish Jig, Paddy O'Brien (Vocal) with Orchestra; Medley of Hornpipes; Sean Nolan (Violin) with Piano; The Mountains of Mourne (French-Collinson); Phil The Fluter's Ball (French); Peter Dawson (Vocal) with Orchestra; Rakes of Clonmel—Jig, Mason's Apron—Reel; Frank Murphy (Accordion) with Piano; The Dear Little Shamrock (Jackson); Danny Malone (Tenor) with Organ.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Popular Ballads.

2.00 Fletcher—Sylvan Scenes Suite.

—In Beauty's Bower—Sylvia Dances—The Pool of Narcissus—Cupid's Carnival.—The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Clifford Greenwood.

2.15 Close Down.

2.30 Indian Programme.

2.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

2.50 The New Mayfair Orchestra.

—A Vision of Spring; Erik Charell's "White Horse Inn"—Selection; Love Tales—Selection of celebrated Love Songs; Jerome Kern Melodies.

7.15 Student Songs.

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 London—The News.

8.15 London—War Commentary.

8.25 London—"Listening Post."

Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.32 Compositions of Eric Coates by the Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Coates; Hubert Edsall (Tenor) with piano; The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Cream; and Georges Tzipine (violin) with Grand Organ of the Gaumont Palace.

9.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 An Hour of Classical Requests.

—Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso (Saint-Saens, Op. 28); Alfredo Campoli (Violin) and the London Symphony Orchestra; Sonata in C Sharp Minor—"Moonlight" (Beethoven, Op. 27) Adagio sostenuto; Allegretto—Presto agitato; Egon Petri (Piano); "Cavalleria Rusticana" O. Rejzice that the Lord has Risen (Maestro); Delia Sazio (Soprano) Olga De France (Con.) and Members of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus; Milan; Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra (Haydn); Andante—Rondo (George Eszkdale (Trumpet) and Symphony Orchestra; Rondo A Capriccio in G Major, Op. 129 (Beethoven); Alexander Brailowsky (Piano); "L'Amour (Martini); Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) with Piano; The Spinning Song (from "The Flying Dutchman"—Wagner); "Ellen Joyce. (Piano); Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 2 (Liszt); Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.

9.45-10.00 News in French (on Short Wave Only).

10.00 London—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 Dance Music with Variety.

11.00 London—"Makers of History."

Talk on Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

11.15 Close Down.

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It is learned that certain dealers in oil for human consumption are reaping a profit by selling peanut-oil, mixed with a substance known as cotton-seed oil, to the general public.

Syria Under Control

CAIRO, July 17 (Reuter).—Under the terms of the Convention the Allies have now occupied selective strategic points in central and southeast Syria.

British and Indian troops, whose rapid advance from Iraq and Palestine was arrested only when negotiations for cessation of hostilities were initiated, are now in the process of occupying further positions in the northern area.

The occupation of Beirut has been completed and a cordial reception was accorded to the Allies and particularly to the Australian forces who have been in the forefront of the advance in the coastal sector.

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCES

H.Q. Units Abroad

SYDNEY, July 17 (Reuter).—The Government is considering the establishment of R.A.F. administrative units in the Middle East and England.

This is in order to co-operate with R.A.F. commands in view of the many Australian airmen fighting in those theatres of war, declared Mr. K. McEwen, a member of the War Cabinet.

It is proposed to review the policy of not publishing the names of airmen distinguishing themselves, he further declared.

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Syrian Thrust Cut Axis Web Of Intrigue In Time

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent With Imperial Troops in Syria)

BEIRUT, July 17.—Dr. Fritz Grobba, the German Minister in Baghdad, returned to Syria after the Iraqi rebellion with two sacks of gold. When he reached a hotel in North Syria, the manager and porter and another man were needed to carry one sack to his bed-room.

This is but one of the amazing stories told me by a British resident in Beirut, who has just finished five weeks of internment.

He also said that the Germans ever promised to bring aviation fuel to Syria by submarine. This was discovered when a telephone call from a prominent Vichy official to Dr. Renou, the principal German delegate at Aleppo, was overheard.

When the British entered Syria, Dr. Renou telephoned daily to a leading member of the High Commissioner's office requesting the latest news from the front. Finally he came to Beirut with a "petit personnel" to make direct contact with General Dentz, and after hearing the latest reports, he fled from the country.

Blitzkrieg Planned
There is no shadow of a doubt that Germany had planned in detail a blitzkrieg on Syria, aiming at the complete occupation of Syria and Lebanon. I learn from Britons in Beirut, and the British action was not only timely but desperately necessary.

I also learn that even after the British penetration of Syria and the end of the Iraqi rebellion, the Germans were still pouring material into Syrian aerodromes, copying the Bulgarian infiltration.

At Aleppo aerodrome, at least 60 officials were buying material such as lorries, cars, radios and furniture for officers' quarters. Additional quarters had even been reserved in the town for extra staff.

Luftwaffe Departure
The reason for the sudden departure of the Luftwaffe is given by a remark of Colonel von Manteuffel at the aerodrome at Aleppo: "We are going because we don't want to give credence to the reports of the German occupation of Syria."

The German and Italian Legations have both left the country. I learn that they are now living in ancient Antioch in Turkey. They are reported to be in a state of perplexity, not knowing what to do next.

British Released
DAMASCUS, July 17 (Reuter).—Released British residents who were interned by the Vichy Government when the Allies entered Syria returned here this morning in a transport convoy.

A number of persons detained on suspicion of doing intelligence work for the Allies have also been released.

Gallup Poll On Iceland
NEW YORK, July 17 (Reuter).—Over 60 per cent. of the populations of big United States cities and towns approve President Roosevelt's action in sending troops to Iceland, according to the latest Gallup Poll.

Twenty per cent. disapproved and 19 per cent. were undecided.

MAISKY FINDS POPULARITY

LONDON, July 17 (Reuter).—The Soviet Ambassador in London, M. Ivan Maisky, was surrounded and cheered by a large crowd when he left the Royal Albert Hall concert in London to-night.

The orchestra played music by leading Russian composers and during the interval Sir Henry Wood, who conducted the first part of the concert, chatted with M. Maisky in his box.

DEFENCE PRODUCTION DEMANDS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—WASHINGTON, July 17 (UP).—The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, at a press conference today declared that non-defence production must be sharply restricted immediately if defence production is to be increased to the desired levels. He cited the automobile industry as a "glaring example."

FATALISTIC DE VALERA
DUBLIN, July 17 (Reuter).—Mr. Eamon de Valera, replying to the debate on external affairs in the Dail to-night, said: "If anybody attacks us, then every one of us can die if necessary fighting for what we are certain is the just cause, and I say that no matter from which side we are attacked."

"That is the position we are taking up and it is not a cowardly position. If we are attacked at all, we will be attacked by one of the big nations of the world. We have to face it, and we are prepared to face it. We are determined to live our own life."

Policy of Neutrality
BERLIN, July 17 (Reuter).—In the Dail this evening, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Mr. James Dillon, said that he believed that the policy of neutrality was the policy of the majority of the people and of the Government.

Yet he believed that it was not the correct course of conduct for Eire. Parliament should ascertain precisely what operation Great Britain and the United States might require to ensure success against the Nazi attempt at world conquest and as explicitly as possible afford to the United States and Great Britain co-operation to the utmost of their resources, including of course the sending of Irish troops abroad.

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. William Cosgrave, said that he had no information regarding the statement which Mr. Dillon had considered inadvisable to make. The wisdom of making such a statement had not impressed him.

CUBAN CABINET

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—HAVANA, July 17 (UP).—President Fulgencio Batista today formed a new Cabinet and appointed eleven former Cabinet members some of whom were assigned to new posts.

Ex-President Laredo Bru is now Minister of Justice.

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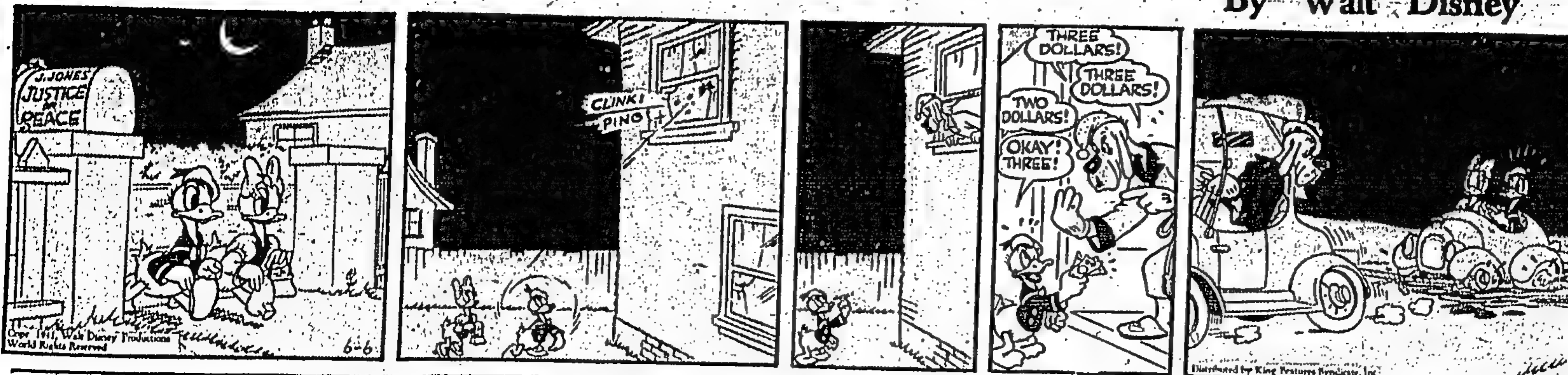
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"Swing" Hand

A SWING of 2,400 points on a single board is enough to decide almost any team-of-four match. That was the case in the recent Vanderbilt tournament in New York, with the hand shown below playing the role of both hero and villain—according to the point of view.

Both sides vulnerable.
Team-of-four match.
Total point scoring.
North dealer.

A 84	9
Q 8632	J 10076
A 10	432
Q 1052	W E
Q 754	Q 54
762	K J 763
	A K
	J 9
	J 988

At table No. 1, the bidding proceeded:

North	East	South	West
1	4	4	Dbie.
Reble.	5	5	Dbie.
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

It required only reasonable defense to hold East to six of his eight heart tricks and thus he had to pay the suicidal penalty of 1,400 points. The fault here must be divided fairly evenly between East and West. East's preemptive heart bid was anything but good, despite his extreme length. Had he not been vulnerable, there would have been logic in his attempted shut-out, but as it was, the risk was too great. Even so, however, he would have escaped without punishment except for the atrocious co-operation of his partner. South refused to be shut out with his very fair hand, and though a leap to four spades entailed considerable risk, it appeared to be the least of all evils. It was West who put his own team in jeopardy by doubling the four spade bid. Granting that he could expect better hearts from East, it was still highly questionable that a four spade con-

tract could be defeated, and surely a double, "placing" the spades for South's guidance, would not increase the defenders' chance. Moreover, there was the strong probability that East would not be able to stand the double, as indeed he could not. North's prompt redouble put East-West in the position where they had to lose an enormous number of points either by standing pat or by running to five hearts.

Excellent play on South's part could have produced two extra tricks at a four spade contract, but inasmuch as this would have involved almost double dummy technique, it is highly questionable that a contract should have been reached and, even more questionable, that it would have been made if West had not disclosed the spade situation. The conclusion, so far as it affects this table, must be that East-West took entirely too much action on their very meagre resources.

At the other table, the partners of the ill-fated East-West team, here sitting North-South, did just as badly, reaching a seven diamond contract. West doubled and North had the unmitigated nerve to redouble. The contract was defeated two tricks for 1,000 points. Thus the teammates sitting North-South at the second table, collected 2,400 points on this board.

To-morrow's Hand

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
North-South 30 part-score.

A 1052	9
Q 1082	J 76
105	432
Q 374	W E
K 63	Q 98
Q 82	K 7642
A 1098	A K
	J 94
	K J 764
	Q 83

How should this hand be bid, and how should South play it at a two notrump contract if West opens the club ten?

The Blitz Comes to Fleet Street

By Ritchie Calder

well-known London columnist

Never once, throughout the blitz, has any of the national newspapers failed to come out. Sometimes it has been a belated edition, but the tradition has been unbroken. And the same is true of the provincial papers.

Yet it is still possible for country readers to write in indignantly: "From my shelter, I heard enemy planes flying over continuously all night and yet all I find in my morning paper is a brief account." That brief account probably meant newspapermen going out into Hell, being injured, falling into craters, being knocked out by blast and crawling back through wreckage and falling bombs to catch the country edition.

Once, before they were seasoned, newspaper staffs used to go to shelter when the spotters gave the "Flicker"—a lamp that flashes in every department when the bombs are dropping in the immediate vicinity. Now, with the windows bricked up, they just carry on at their desks, ignoring "Jerry."

They go home in the morning, often, to find their own homes bombed and all they possess destroyed, and just mention it as a piece of gossip when they return to duty the same night.

Some of us are the Blitz Bloodhounds. Wherever the Luftwaffe goes, we must follow. When London was being pounded in September, the only way to get Front Line stories was to be in the Front Line and that meant sharing day and night the lives of these ordinary, but incredible people of the backstreets. It meant patrolling the blitz at all hours.

It meant sleeping—although "sleep" was often an exaggeration—in every type of shelter (and, believe me, I did take shelter!)—Andersons, surface shelters, big community shelters, where every race and type herded together, the Tubes and luxury shelters of de luxe hotels. That was when I discovered that "luck" was often just funk in disguise.

Most often, it was a case of "putting a face on it" because otherwise you might look silly—as I did when I crawled out from under a bar in an East End pub to find the unperturbed Cockneys laughing at me, although the bomb had dropped only a block away.

Of course, I had my tin hat, but sometimes it wasn't much use. For instance, one night I was making a tour of shelters with Father Grosz, militant, indomitable, tireless clergyman of the East End.

It was one of the bad nights, but Father John went striking along, throughout the black-out and blitz, his cassock flying and his white head uncovered. Every time a bomb dropped he told me it was a door slamming in one of the wrecked houses. When a building collapsed, he said it was the demolition squad working late.

And all the time he kept

on talking about water getting into the shelters, or how he could get Mrs Brown away from London, or how to persuade the East Enders to pay less than a penny for a cup of tea, without them thinking it was charity. Ten feet ahead of us, a mighty spark leapt from the footway. "An incendiary bomb," I suggested. "No," said John, "a splinter." So it was, eighteen inches long and weighing a pound.

It was then I took him firmly by the arm and said: "Why don't you wear a tin hat, John? If you don't, I can't. It isn't done." Coolly he said: "I can't wear a tin hat. My people have not got tin hats. If I wore one, it would make me different from them." So both of us had to finish the night bareheaded.

Within a month, I had been out in twenty-three blitzes. Since then I have

"It didn't," I replied. "Don't be silly," he said severely. "It must have landed just here." And for ten minutes we argued, quite heatedly, as to what I had done with that bomb. Presumably it had "touched off" in the air. But that warden had to account for it somehow in his return.

We journalists may count ourselves hardened campaigners, but we realise we are mere amateurs compared with these matter-of-fact heroes of the civil defence.

A colleague was in the thick of a bomb-incident. He was groping his way through a mesh of fire hoses, with the bombs dropping around, and pretending to be a hero, when he fell headlong into a fresh-made crater. As he was climbing out of it, a warden leaned over the edge and demanded: "Where's your identity card?" "What

On the Trail of Air Raid Stories

lost count. But in my off-time I have been the first to take cover when the sirens went. Why? Because I have a "suicide complex." I would not deliberately commit suicide, but, when there is a job to be done, my life isn't my own responsibility.

That nasty smear on my waistcoat is the reminder of the night I "pinched the bomb." The blitz had based into silence and I was alone in a deserted street when, suddenly, there was the whistle of a stick of bombs, one, two and a third—by the sound of it—coming straight for me. I dived into a puddle. There was a terrific explosion and I waited for the buildings to collapse on top of me.

Nothing happened. I picked myself up rather sheepishly to be confronted by a panting warden. "Where did that one land?" he demanded.

the hell!" exploded the journalist. "Do you think I came down with the bomb?" The regular "Blitz-bloodhounds," whom I encounter in each new Blitz Town, include American journalists. One of them, after he had been dug out of the cellar of his bombed house, said to me, "Can I call myself a 'Londoner' now? I've been initiated!"

That has been one of the compensations of our job in the Battle of Britain. We haven't been just reporters standing outside the event and recording it.

We have been part of the event. We have been initiated into the "brotherhood of the blitz"—into that "we-are-all-in-it-together" fellowship of the ordinary blokes, with whom we have shared the risks and lived the "story."

The Front Page has become the Front Line.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"You settle with him, Truffle—you're chairman of the Anti-Profitteering Committee!"

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Throw
- 2—Dance
- 3—Type of plant
- 4—Female friend (French)
- 5—Bait
- 6—Female voice
- 7—Step of ladder
- 8—Buffs; pertaining to
- 9—Strip for guiding
- 10—Horse
- 11—Quick vibratory movement
- 12—Those who play part
- 13—Itching
- 14—Excitement
- 15—Low in grade
- 16—Negative
- 17—Cause of exultation
- 18—Rural affirmative
- 19—Depression
- 20—Athletic
- 21—Organizations
- 22—Long narrow inlet
- 23—Combining form; alk
- 24—Concerning
- 25—Small depression
- 26—Strong drive
- 27—French article
- 28—Trap
- 29—Subtle
- 30—Canvas shelter
- 31—Large body of water
- 32—Comfort
- 33—Grass lake



Nor will the Japanese General Staff be able to ignore the possible attitude of the United States of America in the event of the war spreading to the Pacific.

Value Attached To Pact Between Reds and Tokyo

EDINBURGH, July 17 (Reuter).—The newspaper "Scotsman," discussing Anglo-Russian relations in the light of the Japanese Cabinet crisis, points out that the new Anglo-Russian alliance has geographical and political limitations inasmuch as it singles out Hitlerite Germany as the enemy in contrast to the more elastic phraseology of pre-war pacts with France, Poland and other Powers which referred in general terms to "aggressor."

Since Moscow has only recently concluded a pact of non-aggression with Tokyo, which the Japanese Government has notified its intention of scrupulously observing in regard to Russia, the Russians could not have properly signed an agreement with another Power specially directed against Japan.

The "Scotsman" continues that this, however, is not to say that Japan, contrary to all evidence now available, did attack Russia at a later date, the British would not give Russia every practical assistance. But it does mean that both London and Moscow have no desire to take steps calculated to antagonise Japan—for the benefit of the Germans—unless Japan's own attitude compels them to do so.

British Appreciation

In other words, Britain fully recognises the binding force of the Russo-Japanese Neutrality Pact as long as it is faithfully carried out by Japan. The point is important when Nazi propaganda by the circulation of false rumours is striving hard to provoke a breach between Japan and the new Russo-British Alliance.

Tobruk Patrols Prick Besiegers

CAIRO, July 17 (Reuter).—A British Middle East communiqué states that on Tuesday night an Australian fighting patrol from Tobruk penetrated 16,000 yards into enemy positions and successfully assaulted two strong points in a new sortie.

After indicating upon the enemy casualties substantially greater than the strength of the patrol itself, the British troops withdrew.

In dash and determination this patrol again surprised and out-maneuvred the enemy which is locally in greatly superior numbers and in well-entrenched positions.

Our Initiative

CAIRO, July 17 (Reuter).—The Garrison's offensive policy is being continued with some success. The fact that the patrol penetrated 16,000 yards into enemy territory sustaining only the smallest casualties indicates that we hold the initiative, stated military circles here.

The defensive attitude of the Axis troops, who are mostly Italian around Tobruk, seems to be repeated on the Libyan border where the enemy continues to dig in in a triangle, Sollum-Capuzzo-Halfaya, showing that there is no inclination to tilt against the British forces in this area.

Under the auspices of the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association, an art exhibition was opened on their premises in Bridges Street yesterday, when over 500 people visited the display of Chinese paintings and calligraphy.

Clark Kerr On Democracy

CHUNGKING, July 18 (Central News).—"Modern democracy is not old and outworn," asserted Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, in a speech on Democracy on Wednesday afternoon under the auspices of the Chinese People's Foreign Relations Association.

Speaking before a large audience in the New Life Model Centre, Sir Archibald declared in his first public speech since his coming to China three years ago, "Democracy is in its adolescence. It still has a long road to follow. It will go marching on."

Sir Archibald was optimistic when discussing future democracy in China. Judging by democracy's present manifestations in this country, he said, he got the impression that to-day the spirit of democracy is instinct in the heart of every Chinese.

Ideals Shared

"You have ranged alongside of the democracies which are now engaged in seeing to it that democracy will not perish from the earth. You did this, as I see it, not because you are confident, as we are, of their victory but because you shared their ideals."

"You have claimed in your present struggle that you have been fighting their battle. They recognise this claim and are justified. They recognise you and they fight for the same cause."

"The founder of modern China in his wisdom laid down that you should move towards the achievement of democracy step by step as you have done in your country. To a foreign observer it seems that the first stride forward has already been taken. Witness your People's Political Council, the high quality of which is impressive to any on-looker."

Sir Archibald predicted that after the war, China's progress toward democracy will be swift as swift as her evolution since she shook off the tyranny of the Manchus.

Despite democracy's clear and admitted weaknesses, it offered an immeasurably better answer to the problems of the modern world than Nazism which stood for a dark age, "an age when in the mind of man would go to the prison and the spirit of man into hiding."

How To Play Baseball

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field and be ready to relay the ball or call out where the ball should be thrown.

The second baseman should be ready to back up or run down the base runner caught between bases, always remembering to run him back to the base from which he started.

SUGGESTIONS. (i) When the second baseman is very near his base, it is better in many cases for him to make a double play without the assistance of the shortstop because it minimizes the chance for errors or delay.

(ii) When first and third bases are occupied and the runner on third is expecting to score if the catcher throws to second to catch the runner stealing, the second baseman should rush in behind the pitcher and cut short the throw in case he thinks the man on third is likely to score if the throw goes on through to the shortstop.

(iii) Do not try to make a double after dropping the ball.

(iv) On double plays always be sure of the first man and get the second man if possible. Some double plays may be made by the second baseman by tagging the runner as he goes by, but this is not always a sure way if the runner is clever.

(v) The baseman should always know where the first base is without looking, for sometimes he will have to make throws which will not give him time to look before he throws.

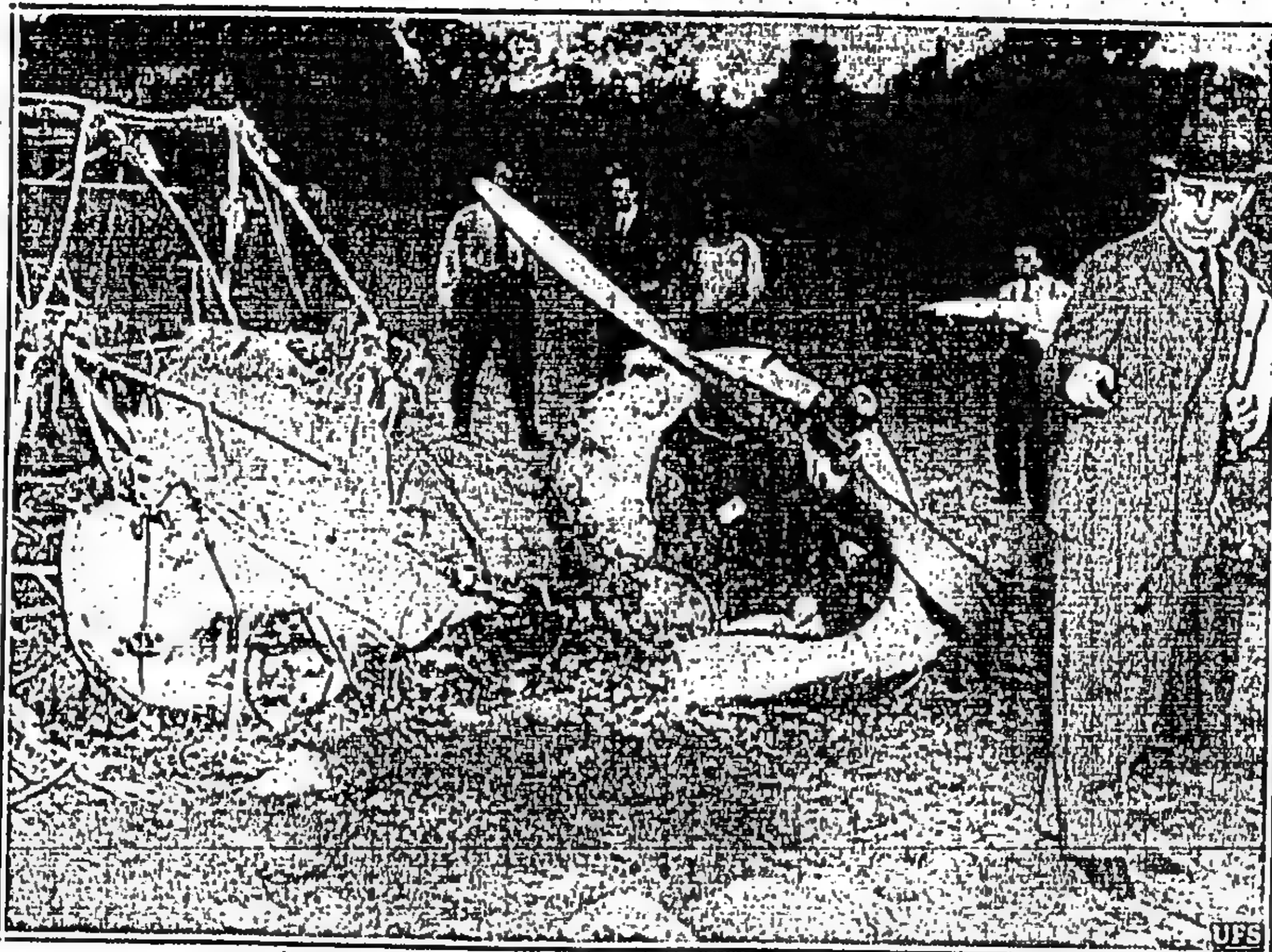
(vi) On many fly balls over first base it will be easier for the second baseman to take the fly than for the first baseman. He should call for the ball and observe all the general rules for handling of fly balls.

(vii) The second baseman can never force a runner out at third on a hit ball.

Fanling Golf Starting Times

Sunday	
OLD COURSE	
1.10	T. E. Pearce, K. S. Morrison.
1.20	B. Purves, E. Forster.
1.30	S. L. Lloyd, I. H. Gault.
1.40	H. P. Phillips, J. A. Parrish.
1.50	H. O. Halkett, W. Hewitt.
2.00	P. M. Cotton, H. M. Rowland.
2.10	J. C. Taylor, R. Young.
2.20	H. Duncan, G. H. Lander.
2.30	J. G. Jensen, Capt. Barclay.
2.40	Capt. Young, E. G. Price.
2.50	L. D. Lewis, D. E. Forster.
3.00	C. W. E. Bishop, W. Woodward.

Leaving aboard the President Madison are Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Chang and their two children, who are proceeding to England via America. Mr. Chang was formerly Minister to Poland, and has been appointed to be the first Director of the China Institute in London.



AIR TRAGEDY—Wreck of Bolivian plane that crashed a moment after it took off from Washington, killing Bolivia's crack military pilot, Captain Rafael Suarez Rivas, and seriously injuring brother air officer, Captain Alberto Toboaga. Rivas was burned to death. Plane was on good-will flight to La Paz from New York.

NEW MACAO STATION

Five-Hour Programme to Be Broadcast Each Day.

Macao, July 14. After an experimental stage of about two months, Macao radio broadcasting is now settled and it has been announced that the daily programme will extend from 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Macao's broadcasting is conducted by the Macao Radio Club, under the chairmanship of Dr. E. Mascarenhas, Judge of the Macao Court, and under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor, and is directed by Mr. Francisco Rogo with the assistance of Mr. F. Bance and Mr. L. Gomes.

The daily programme consists of music, Portuguese as well as other pieces, with news in Portuguese at 1.45 p.m. and at 8 p.m., and a Chinese programme of Chinese Music and other items, including a news period, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Talks in Chinese and Portuguese are given from time to time, and the principal purpose of the broadcasting is to enter to the Portuguese and Chinese not only in Macao but all over the Far East.

The frequency of the Macao station is 6,800 kilocycles, or a wave-length of about 49.30 metres.—Our Own Correspondent.

Water-Polo

Middlesex "A" Beat A. A. Gunners

Three matches in the water-polo tournament were held at the Y.M.C.A. yesterday.

Middlesex "A," one of the strongest Army teams, were fully extended by 5th A.A. and managed to win only 3-1. Jennings, Burdge and Hyman scored for Middlesex and Giblin, in a swim through, for the A.A.s.

Drawn Match. Middlesex B, holding a two clear goals advantage over Navy A at one time, shared six goals with the sailors in the end. Fenwick (2) and Radley scored for the Middlesex and Paul (2) and Holdford (own goal) for the sailors.

Easy Win For "Y." European Y.M.C.A. without several of their leading players, proved much too good for 96th Battery and won 5-1. P. Wilson (2), C. Goldman (2) and Roberts scored for Y.M.C.A. and Leong Kwok-wai for the Gunners.

Rifle Association Annual Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Rifle Association will be held in the Jacobson Room, of the Hongkong Hotel on Thursday, July 24, at 5.30 p.m. The election of a Council, President, Vice-Presidents, Auditor, Legal Adviser, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer are items on the agenda.

In the Colony of Hongkong, including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories, during the week ended on Saturday, there were altogether 95 traffic accidents as the result of which four persons were killed and 24 persons were injured.

Vichy Warns Indo-China Professes Ignorance

No Bases For Tokyo

SAIGON, July 17 (Reuter).—Military, naval and civil authorities deny all knowledge of any impending arrangement allowing Japan the use of naval and air bases in southern Indo-China as suggested in foreign press comment which is characterised as tendentious.

The possibility of such an accord in the immediate future appears to be precluded by the absence of the Governor-General and the majority of his staff on a short trip of inspection in northern Cochinchina and Cambodia, and the departure of General Sumita, head of the Japanese Mission, by plane for Tokyo.

Military Cabinet

It is confirmed in responsible quarters that Indo-China has not received any demands whatever from a Japanese source regarding the use of facilities outside Tonkin.

The fall of the Konohe Cabinet has aroused lively speculation here. It is generally thought that this government had represented the ultimate in military rule and the possibility of a resurgence of business interests is not impossible although the reasons for the fall and the nature of the new government are "anybody's guess."

Empire Economics Closely Linked

LONDON, July 17 (Reuter).—Economic co-operation between Britain, the Dominions and America is steadily developing.

The Secretary of Overseas Trade, Mr. Harcourt Johnstone, told the House of Commons to-day that he was glad to be able to make this statement and added that the British Government and no doubt the Dominion Government also, look to it becoming closer still.

As an example, Mr. Johnstone pointed to the fact that the Wheat Advisory Committee is now meeting in Washington under the chairmanship of a British delegate.

Soviet Harmony With Poles And Czechs

MOSCOW, July 17 (UP).—Spokesman Lezovsky said to the press to-day that the Soviet Union supports the principle of freedom for Poland, Czechoslovakia and other "German-subjugated countries."

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

Mr. Charles Lindbergh has written to President Roosevelt demanding an apology from Mr. Harold Ickes, Minister of the Interior, for "certain statements and implications" made by him in a recent speech.

Mr. Ickes, in his Bastille Day speech, stated, "A study of Hitler's methods of internal disorganisation and demoralisation will help one to understand Lindbergh and make one realise what a menace he and those like him are to the United States."

Mr. Ickes also described Lindbergh as "a knight of the German Eagle" and said that Lindbergh's "passionate words are to encourage Hitler and to break down the will of his fellow citizens to resist Hitler and Nazism."

Lindbergh, however, denies the suggestion that he has connections with any foreign government, saying that he received his German decoration while serving in the American Embassy.

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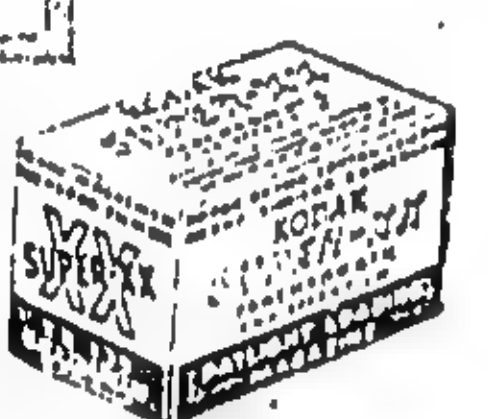
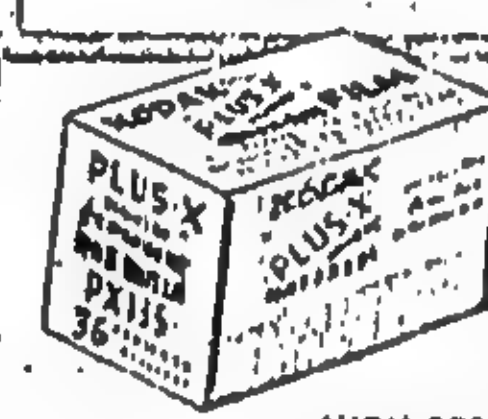
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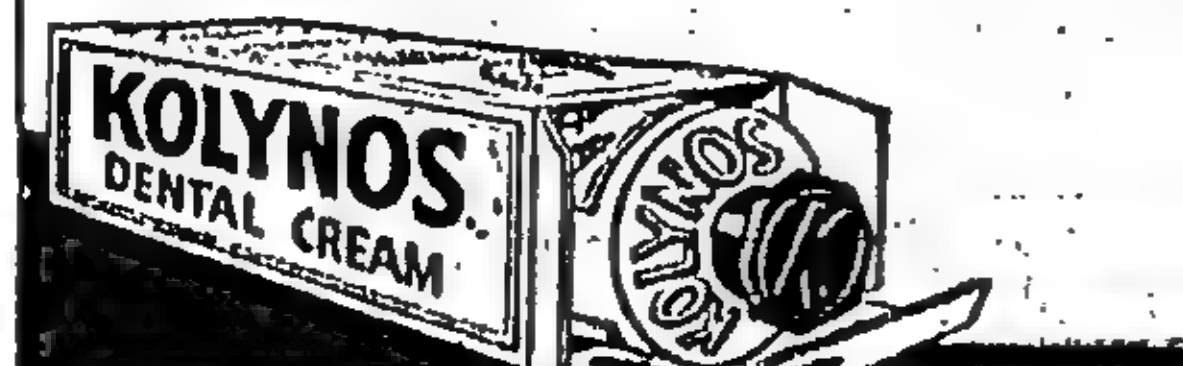
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Items Of Interest To Swimmers

Combined Gala On July 26 May Be Postponed

Volunteer Manning Causes Disruption

V. Churn And Mrs Murrell Return Fine Times

(By "Tinker")

IT WILL BE A DISAPPOINTMENT, even if only temporary, to the majority of swimmers in the Colony if, as at present indicated, the Combined gala on July 26 between the Chinese and the Y.M.C.A.-V.R.C. in aid of the Bomber Fund and the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China is postponed.

Reason is the military manoeuvres that week-end which include the Volunteers. The meet has not yet been postponed; a meeting of all the Clubs concerned is being called, but it is most probable.

As regards this gala, however, it seems that there has been a misconception concerning the sides. It was originally planned as one between the combined Chinese Clubs and the combined V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A. Several people now think that it is the combined Chinese who are on one side, and under that title Charles Huang, of the V.R.C., has been included in that team.

In actual fact, with middle and long distance swimmers like Chan Chun-nam and Yau Sai-kwan, and with sprinters like Ng Nin, Tsang Cheong-ming and Ng Chun-man, the combined Chinese (even without the word "Clubs" attached) could afford to leave Huang to swim for the V.R.C. where he would be much more useful.

What with lack of training and illness, there is something of a dearth of good free-style swimmers in the V.R.C. this year. I frankly don't know what has happened to David Hutchinson. He was at the V.R.C. on Saturday for the gala against Lai Tsun but he did not take part.

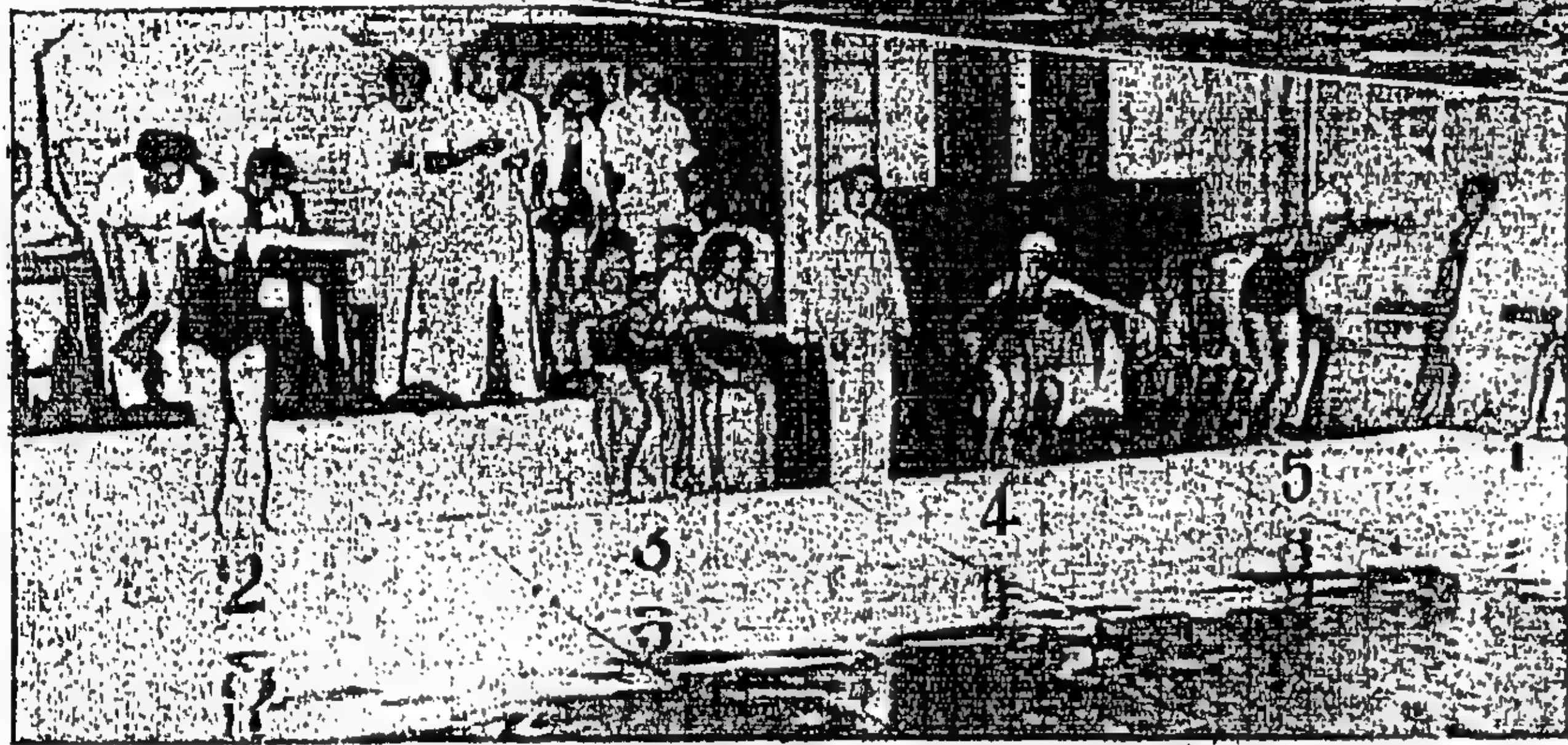
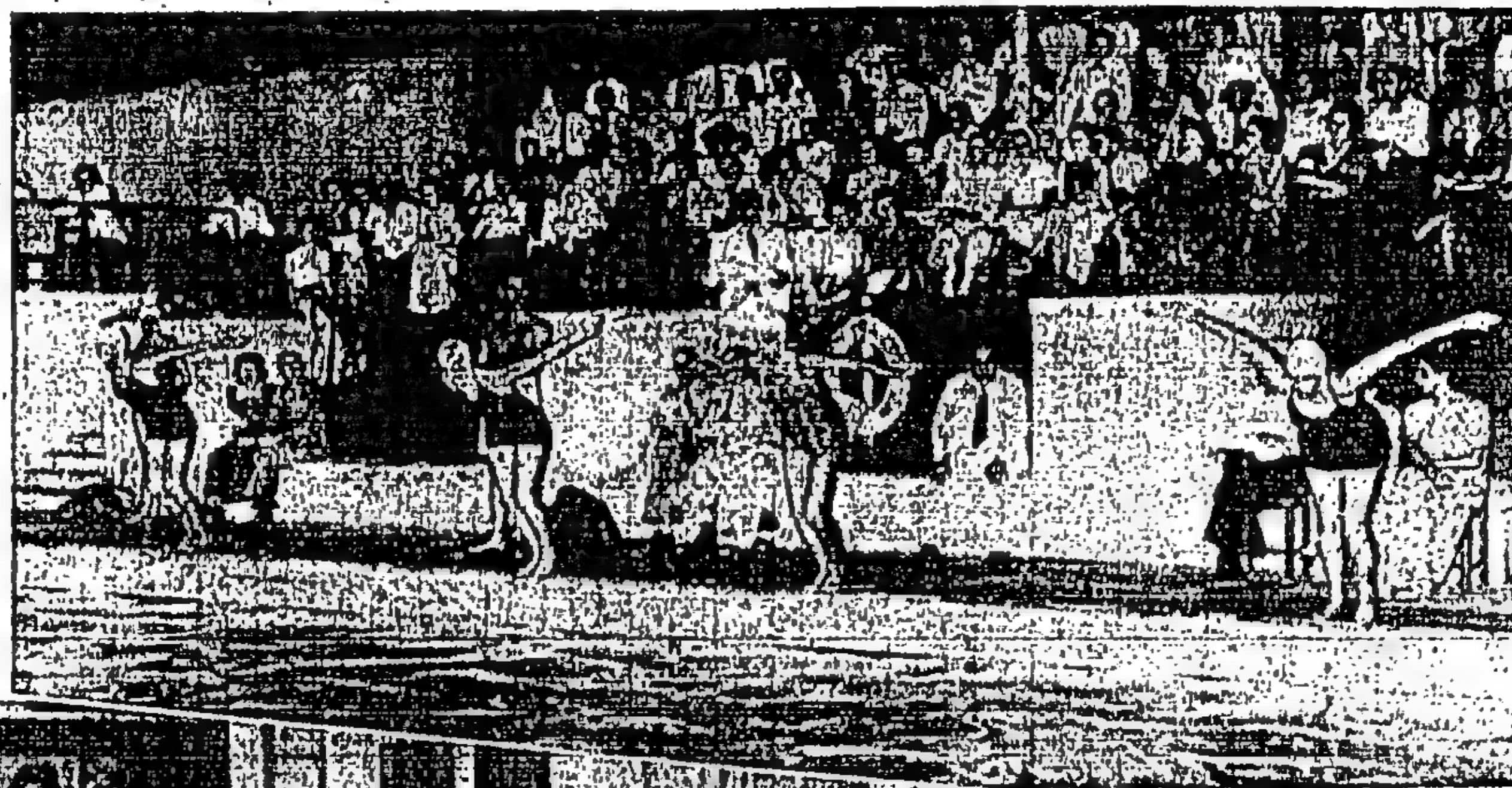
D. H. Taylor is not yet in trim. W. Lawrence is ill—in fact, as recently stated, the V.R.C. haven't a man in form that is capable of under 20 seconds for the 50 yards.

However, if times were correct as given to me on Saturday night, Charles Huang clocked 25 dead in the 150 yards medley relay. Without Lawrence or Hutchinson, the time for the 100 yards was comparatively poor. Lau Tai-ping won this event in 60½ seconds, with Lionel Rozo-Pareira one second behind.

And in the 440 yards, without the champion, Chan Chun-nam, Lai Tsun took first place through Yau Sai-kwan who beat Charles Huang by several yards in 5 minutes 37½ seconds.

In this event, though Chan Chun-nam acted with dual motive—that of giving his younger colleague an opportunity of showing his paces, while at the same time reserving himself for the 800 yards free-style relay which came later—quite a number of people were disappointed when it was announced that Chan was not swimming.

V.R.C. won the meet, but main thanks must go to the women.



Vivienne Churn, in particular, was in exceptional form and besides smashing her own record for the 50 yards, contributed greatly to the breaking of those in the 100 yards medley and the 200 yards free-style relays.

I must admit I was wrong in estimating that Jackie Anderson was capable of beating Miss Churn, for I had not calculated on the value of the semi-secret training sessions that are being held most mornings in the European Y.M.C.A. pool.

While pointing out that in the 50 yards, Miss Anderson made an atrocious turn at the end of the bath, there is no evading the truth that Miss Churn is yet the better swimmer.

I know several people who have the expectations of seeing the champion break into the 20's for her time in the 50 yards when the Championships come along.

But from Mrs Murrell, if she swims, will come a spirited challenge. Her time of 19½ seconds for 25 yards at the Nurses' gala in the Army pool works out (on proportion) to 22½ seconds for the fifty!

TIMES from the Chinese trials held on Sunday were nothing startling. Ng Nin was prominent in both the 50 metres free-style and breast-stroke; swimming the first in 27.3/5 secs, and the second in 31.9 secs. These times transposed into yards would be 25.2 secs and 29.2 secs respectively (approximately).

Charles Huang completed the 100 metres in 04.0 sec which is about 59.1 sec for the 100 yards—an extremely respectable time.

Ng Nin, taking a lesson from the Colony championships last year, was absent from the 100 metres race, doubtless with the intention of reserving himself for the relays on the evening of the gala.

Ladies In Limelight

Top: Start of the Invitation race (one length) at the Nurses' gala in the Army pool on Saturday. Left to right: Miss L. Hone, Miss Joan Critchett, Miss Christensen and Miss Ellendrich.

Left: The women's 50 yards breast-stroke event at the V.R.C.-Lai Tsun gala at the V.R.C. Starters were Miss V. Churn, Miss Li Pe-kum, Miss M. Noronha and Miss Ko Miu-ling—Ming Yuen.

Lai Tsun Swimmers Far Too Good

SWIMMERS of the Lai Tsun Swimming Union proved far too good for those of the Royal Scots and Small Units when they were entertained in a gala at the Army pool last night. In all but the water-polo the Chinese took first place.

Times were below average, but once again Yau Sai-kwan, second string to Chan Chun-nam, scored over Charles Huang in the quarter mile.

This was in the 440 yards invitation race. Yau led almost from the start, and eventually finished about seven seconds ahead of the V.R.C. quarter-miler.

The two invitation relay races were cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

Souvenir pennants were presented by Miss Rosaline Grant to the successful swimmers.

100 yards—Lai Tai-ping (Lai Tsun); 2. Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun); 3. Pte Macdonald (Army); Time 53. 100 yards backstroke—Lai Tai-ping (Lai Tsun); 2. Lau Yiu-ting (Lai Tsun); 3. Lieut. Hunter (Army); Time 58.

440 yards invitation—1. Yau Sai-kwan (Lai Tsun) (34½); 2. Charles Huang (V.R.C.) (42¼); 3. Pte Macdonald (Army); Time 56.

200 yards medley relay—1. Lai Tsun (Lai Tai-ping, Tsang Cheong-ming, Lau Tai-ping); 2. Army (Lieut. Hunter, Cpl. Bedford, Sig. Bennett); Time 2:18.

Eight lengths relay—1. Lai Tsun (Lai Tai-ping, Tsang Cheong-ming, Chan Chun-nam, Poon Wing-kai); 2. Army (Sig. Bennett, Lieut. Hunter, Pte Macdonald, Sig. Bennett); Time 2:24.

Seven lengths medley relay—1. Lai Tsun (Lai Tai-ping, Tsang Cheong-ming, Yau Sai-kwan, Chan Chun-nam, Lau Tai-ping); 2. Army (Pte Plummer, Sig. Hunt, Pte Elms, Pte McNeill); Time 2:24.

Water-polo—Army 0 Allen (4), Hunt (3), Macdonald, Bennett v. Lai Tsun 2 (Lau Yau-ting 2).

How To Play Baseball

4. Second Basemen

SECOND BASE, the strategic centre of the diamond (both the second base and the shortstop area) should be protected by fast, cool-headed, consistent ball players. Very often, it is the pivot point of a double play.

1. POSITION OF THE SECOND BASEMAN. This will vary but in most cases he should play as far away and as far back of the base line as will permit him to field that territory. The ground to his left is usually more easily covered.

When there is a runner on third and it is necessary to play the ball home, he should play on, or in front of the base line. He should play closer to second especially if he is naturally weak on ground balls on his right side, and must play towards first when a sacrifice is expected.

2. FIELDING THE POSITION. He should have the play sized up before he has the ball in his hands. Get in front of ground balls and at least stop them. Should he fumble he can still throw the runner out at first. He should not be afraid of making errors.

3. THROWING. In most cases his throws are short, either to second or first. He probably uses the underhand throw more than any other infielder, especially when going in fast on easy rolling balls and those he fumbles.

A loss should be used on double plays when the ball is fielded close to second base. It is much easier for the shortstop to throw if the ball is above his waist on all the throws from the second baseman. Many times the second baseman will have to throw on the run or by jumping into the air on throwing, but if it is possible for him to plant the right foot, he should step inside the diamond away from the runner and then throw.

4. COVERING FIRST BASE. He should be ready to cover first base when first baseman and pitcher are fielding a hit ball, and also when first base is occupied and there is no one out; also, whenever first baseman is so far out of position that it will be impossible for him to cover it.

5. COVERING SECOND BASE. Be ready to do so when there is a runner on first, especially with one or two out. If right-handed batter is up, second baseman usually takes the catcher's throw.

He should have a signal with the pitcher and catcher when he will cover the bag when occupied. In this case, the shortstop usually takes the throws from the pitcher, the second baseman from the catcher. He should also cover second on short hits into right field.

The second baseman should always try to get in a position to tag the runner as quickly as possible, but he should not do so at the expense of fumbling the ball. He should not run to meet the runner but should keep the ball between the runner and the bag.

He should not strike the runner so hard that the ball is dropped. He should try to receive the ball and tag the runner with the same motion.

6. ALERTNESS. The second baseman should be alert to back up the first baseman when he can foresee that the catcher is likely to throw to that base. He should back up second when the shortstop is taking the throw, and should advance into the field on long hits into right.

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Major Baseball

Detroit Tigers Overwhelm Senators

NEW YORK, July 17 (UP).—Detroit Tigers overwhelmed Washington Senators 7-1 in the American League to-day. Scores were:

	A.	H.	E.
Washington	1	4	0
Batteries—Hudson, Kennedy; Early, Daulton and M. J. Rezac	7	18	1
Batteries—Trout; Sullivan.			

League Tennis

Craigengower Beaten By South China

SOUTH CHINA A.A. maintained their unbeaten record in the "D" Division of the Tennis League yesterday when they beat Craigengower 6½-2½ at King's Park, while close upon their heels, the Chinese R.C., also unbeaten, scored over the Jewish R.C. 5½-3½.

Third game played resulted in a draw, 4½-4½, between the Army T.C. and the Indian R.C.

Scores were:

S.O.A.A. 6½ O.C.C. 2½

South China beat Craigengower 6½-2½. C. P. Lo and W. H. Mok lost to K. H. Au and C. M. Lee 4-6; beat Y. C. Mok and Y. H. Leung 6-2; drew with H. Wong and C. Yu 6-6.

H. K. Ho and C. L. Lau beat Au and Lee 6-3; beat Mok and Leung 6-1; lost to Wong and Yu 6-4.

K. C. Shid and K. C. Wong beat Au and Lee 6-3; beat Mok and Leung 6-1; beat Wong and Yu 6-4.

Army 4½ I.R.C. 4½

Army drew with Indians 4½-4½.

Sgt Ford and L. Cpl Stone beat M. H. Hassan and G. Singh 7-5; beat M. S. Hussain and M. J. Rezac 6-1; beat A. J. Safford and U. A. Humjah 6-2.

Sgt Mitchell and Sgt Easley drew with Hassan and Singh 6-6; lost to Hussain and Rezac 4-6; beat Safford and Humjah 6-4.

R. and M. Talan lost to Wong and Lui 1-6; lost to Tsang and Choy 1-6; drew with Lau and Tso 6-6.

Whitlock and A. Odell lost to Wong and Lui 2-6; lost to Tsang and Choy 1-6; beat Lau and Tso 6-2.

J.R.C. 3½ C.R.C. 5½

Jewish R.C. lost to Chinese R.C. 3½-5½.

R. Hamler and B. Godkin beat M. Wong and Alfred Lai 6-3; lost to C. N. Tsang and T. F. Choy 3-6; beat M. C. Lau and C. T. Tso 6-3.

R. and M. Talan lost to Wong and Lui 1-6; lost to Tsang and Choy 1-6; drew with Lau and Tso 6-6.

Whitlock and A. Odell lost to Wong and Lui 2-6; lost to Tsang and Choy 1-6; beat Lau and Tso 6-2.

Match Postponed

Philippines v. Post Office and Post Office A. v. Kowloon Indians were postponed.

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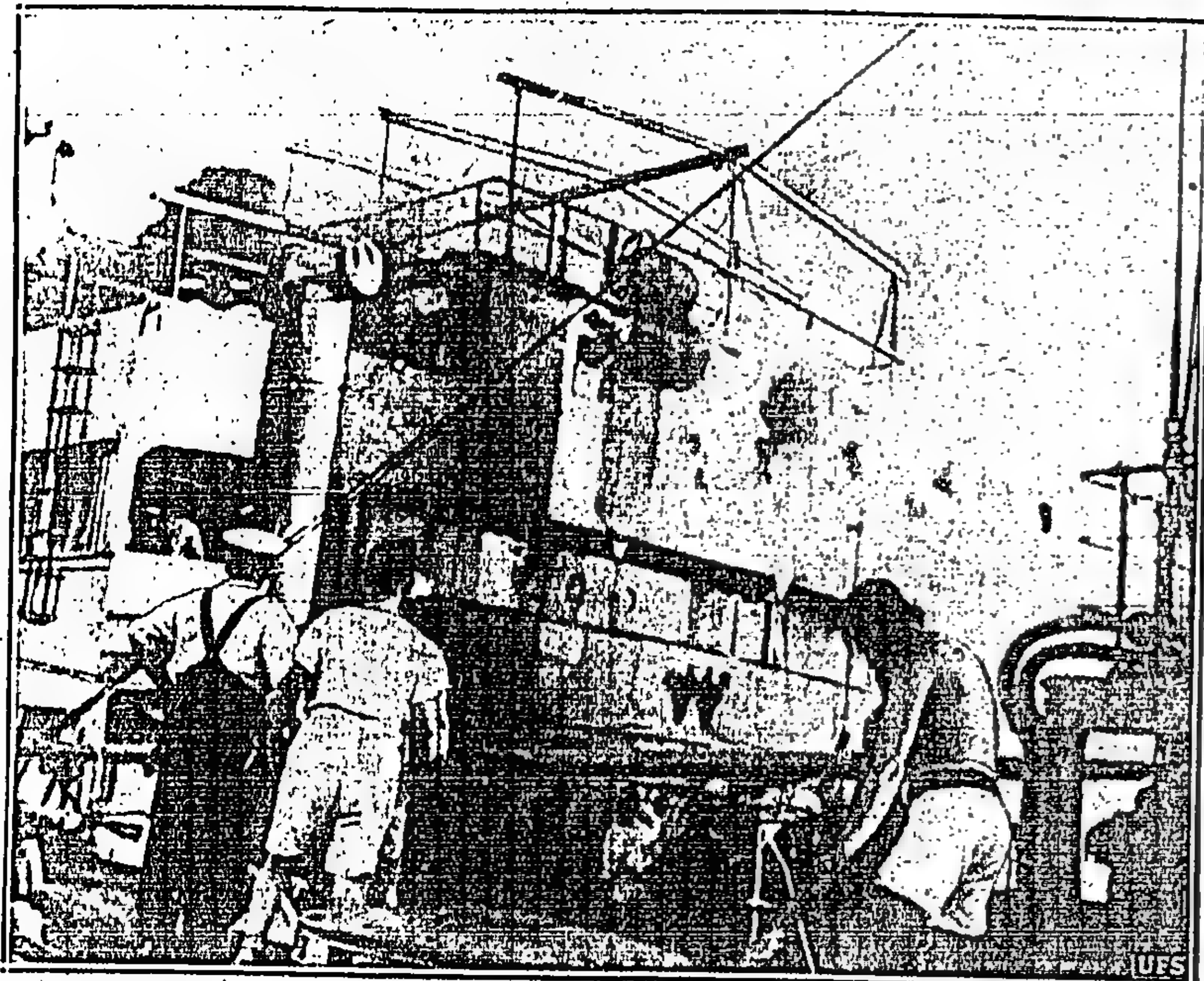
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AT THE

QUEEN'S

NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



SHIP DOOMED—German freighter Idarwald attempted to run British blockade off Cuba last December, but British warship intercepted her and crew scuttled ship. Here, British seamen battle flames and attempt to shut seacocks. Picture has just been released

Secret Nazi Orders Found In Recent Lofoten Raid

What is officially described as a picture of calculated tyranny by the German overlords in Norway is painted by a remarkable series of enemy documents seized during the British raid on the Lofoten Islands in March.

The captured papers, all of them marked "secret," had been circulated by the German Command to local officers. They were discovered in the military harbour control post at Svolvær, a town in the islands.

Collectively, they show that the Nazis, despite Gestapo terrorism, still fear the resentment of their subject people, who, they admit, are unhelpful and "remain pro-English." The need to meet the situation by at least some outward display of moderation is urged in a document issued from Oslo just before Christmas by Gen. von Falkenhorst, the German Commander-in-Chief in Norway.

Caution Urged On Nazis

"Appearances would indicate," he wrote, "that the temper and attitude of the Norwegian population have recently stiffened against our endeavours. For this reason it has become necessary and it is more than ever urged, that restraint and caution be exercised."

The document also revealed these regulations: "Nazi troops are forbidden to share in any discussions on purely domestic politics. When riots, demonstrations or 'beatings up' had their origin in political causes the soldiers must remove themselves at once to avoid becoming involved as idle spectators in the discussion and thereby placing themselves in an invidious position vis-a-vis not only the Norwegians, but also the police." "German military intervention may occur only following incidents constituting a threat to the troops or army property, or a demonstration against the Occupying Power and the Fuehrer. In such cases, von Falkenhorst orders, 'military force should be brought into action in its full severity.'"

Quislings Stand Alone

In another document, one signed by the Chief of the General Staff in

Norway on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief, it is confessed that: "Neither the Executive Council nor other political group is in a position or even desirous of assuming in a responsible way the government of Norway." "With the exception of the Nasjonal Samling party [the Quisling group], all other organisations and parties remain, now as before, pro-English and consequently anti-German." "The Norwegian people and their former leaders are in no position to adapt themselves to the political situation and to fulfil the demands of the New Era." "In spite of repeated proffered opportunities of taking over the control of domestic politics in their own country, the Norwegians have continued only to make a pretence of falling in with these offers." "At the critical moment, however, they have always refused to shoulder the responsibility, and are consequently pursuing a deliberate policy of hold-back and wait-and-see to gain time." "A striking foreword to the White Paper notes as 'most significant' the Nazi whole-odum of Nazi oppression should fall on the Gestapo and its Norwegian police underlings, while the army, apart from circumstances that may require it to strike ruthlessly and with the severest measures, is left to try to ingratiate itself with the population and be the chief agent in the setting up of the German 'New Order.'"

Gestapo's Wide Powers

The Gestapo has summary executive powers. It can, for instance, prohibit a man from practising his trade or profession, order fines or

confiscations and impose imprisonment.

Examples are given of offences requiring military action. If a Norwegian girl who is friendly to the Germans has her hair cut short the culprit is to be immediately arrested.

[Note: It has been reported previously that loyal Norwegians cut the hair of girls friendly to the Nazis as a warning to others.]

In the same document the Nazi chief police inspector gives examples of offences in which the Gestapo is to take action. These are:

- The boycott by Norwegian householders of Germans looking for lodgings;
- Boycott of pro-German Norwegians;
- Distribution of anti-German leaflets;
- Sending chain letters of anti-German content; and
- Compilation of black-lists of pro-German Norwegians.

Newspapers may publish only such news as is designed to further, or at least not to hinder, the policy of the German Reich.

Air France Men For de Gaulle

The majority of the personnel in South America of Air France, the famous French civil air line, appear to be supporters of the Free French movement and General de Gaulle. This is confirmed by a circular letter from the authorities of the Free French movement to the de Gaulle societies in America. Some technicians from South America are already on their way from South America to Montreal, via New York, to join the Royal Canadian Air Force.

NAZIS ERASING ALL POLISH COLLEGES Academic Life Blotted Out

Writing in the current "Bulletin of the Institute of International Education," Professor Oscar Halecki, now at Vassar College and formerly professor of Eastern history at the University of Warsaw, reports the appointment of a "curator" in German-occupied Poland charged with the "liquidation" of all Polish universities. According to Professor Halecki, appointment of the curator was announced last winter in the official Journal of the German occupation authorities.

"Since the invasion of 1939," Professor Halecki writes, "it had been declared repeatedly that the Polish institutions of higher and even secondary education were to disappear forever. Hence the final decision was not surprising. The systematic destruction of a whole nation's academic life is, however, unprecedented in history and no similar action has been taken by the Nazis in any other occupied country."

Outlining the history and traditions of some of the Polish universities, Professor Halecki, who also was dean of the faculty of social studies at the Warsaw School of Political Science, recalls that a number of them are among the oldest in Europe. "Cracow University," he writes, "was founded in 1364, only sixteen years after Prague, and earlier than any German university."

Trapped By Lecture "The fate of Cracow University was practically cruel. On Nov. 6, 1939, almost the entire teaching staff, more than 170, having been invited to a fictitious lecture, were arrested and taken to the concentration camp at Sachsenhausen - Oranienburg. Seventeen of the victims, including men over seventy, and scholars of international fame such as Professors Chrzastowski, Estrachewski, Kostanecki, Siedlecki and Starnack, died in consequence of inhuman treatment.

"While more than 100 were released after several months, some of them, seriously ill, are still suffering at Sachsenhausen. A group of younger scholars has been transferred to Dachau."

"At the University of Poznan, situated in that part of Poland which was at once incorporated into Germany, its professors, if not arrested, have been expelled from their homes and deported to Central Poland. Here again persecution resulted in the death of some great scholars, including Professor Dembinski."

Bishop Of Lublin Held "The University of Lublin was partly destroyed when military objectives were bombed in the city and, being a Catholic institution, was first to disappear. Its ex-officio Chancellor, the Bishop of Lublin, has been sent to a concentration camp."

According to Professor Halecki, the University of Warsaw suffered severely during the bombardment of that city. Half of its buildings, serving as hospitals, were destroyed, he reports, and a number of institutes and private collections of individual professors burned.

Two Polish universities came under Soviet control, he adds; but their situation is equally disastrous. "The University of Vilno had been closed by the Lithuanians on Dec. 15, teaching is still going on, especially in such fields as medicine and engineering, but the university came under Communist control at once. The president was replaced by a student from Kiev, and a considerable number of professors are among the many thousands of Poles who are being deported to Siberia."

PREMIER'S SON IN EAST

Lieut. Randolph Churchill, son of the Prime Minister and member of Parliament for Preston, has been serving in the front line in the Middle East for several months, his wife disclosed during a visit to his constituency.

Shipping Losses In The War

The total British, Allied, and neutral shipping losses from the beginning of the war to the end of April this year were 1508 ships, representing 6,127,673 tons.

Figures issued by the Admiralty showed that the losses in April of this year, excluding those incurred in the evacuation from Greece, were the lowest during the last 11 months, while the figures for the previous month of March were the highest, apart from June, which included most of the Dunkirk losses during the same period.

"This gives us an indication that the measures we have taken to protect our shipping are being effective, and that there are no signs that the results of the great efforts the enemy is making will enable him to attain the quick victory he needs," was the comment in authoritative quarters in London.

This Year's Losses

The Admiralty figures show that in the four months of 1941 we lost 250 ships, representing 1,089,716 tons. This makes the total British losses for the war 923 ships, of 3,890,242 tons.

The totals for British, Allied, and neutral losses are:

1939	211 ships	741,614 tons.
1940	929 ships	3,768,700 tons.
1941	1,617,359 tons.	

The losses for April of this year, excluding those incurred in the Greek evacuation, were 301,070 tons.

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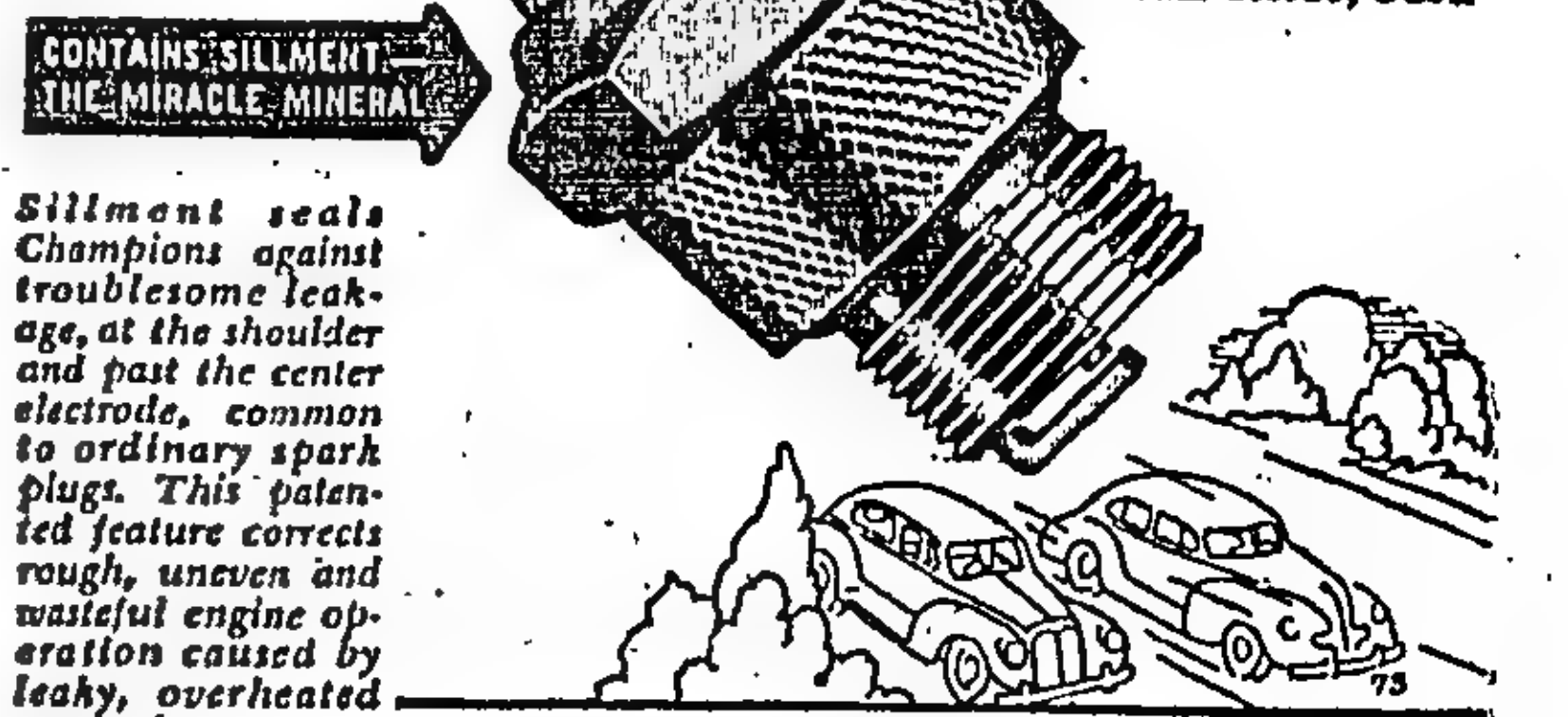
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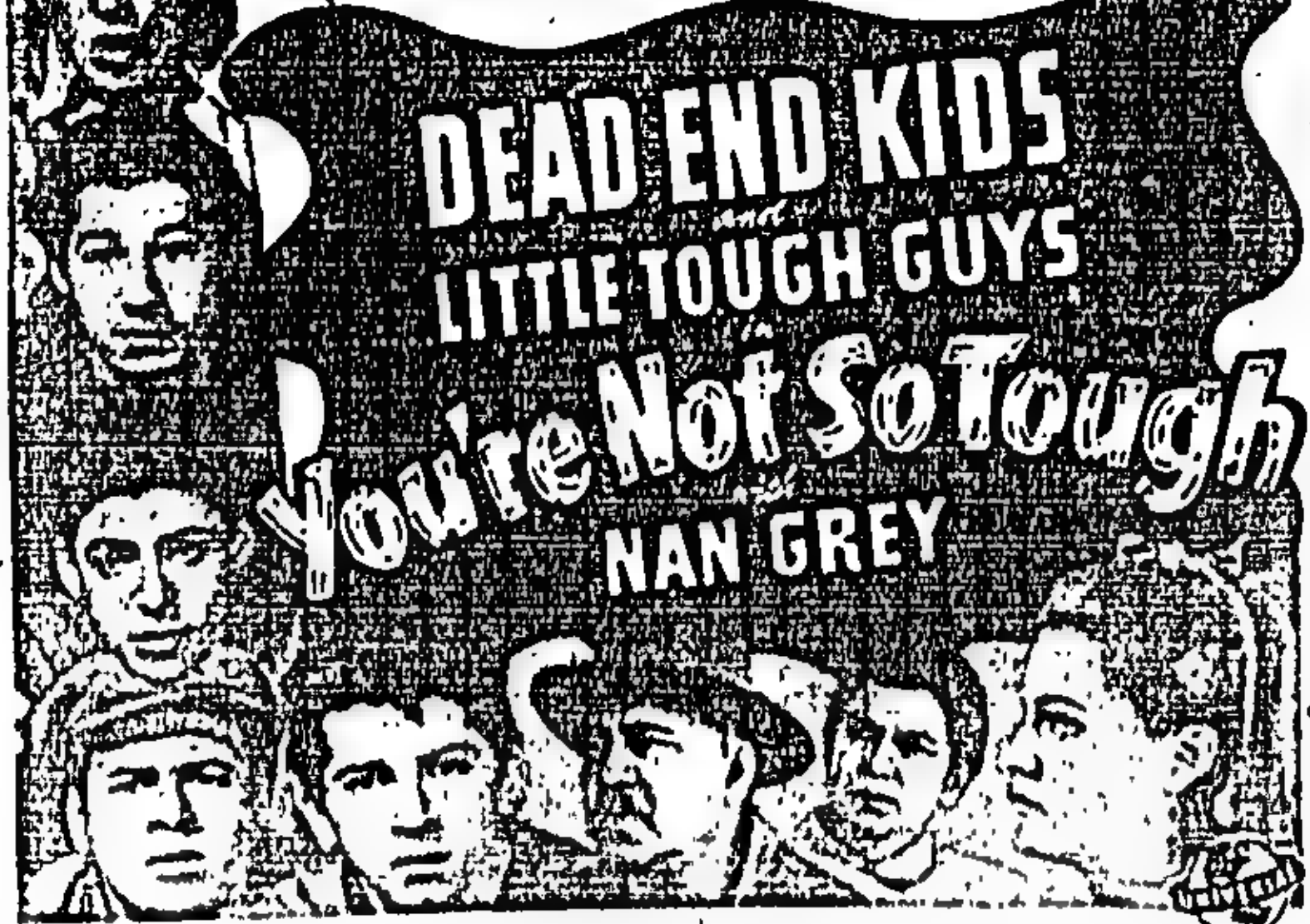
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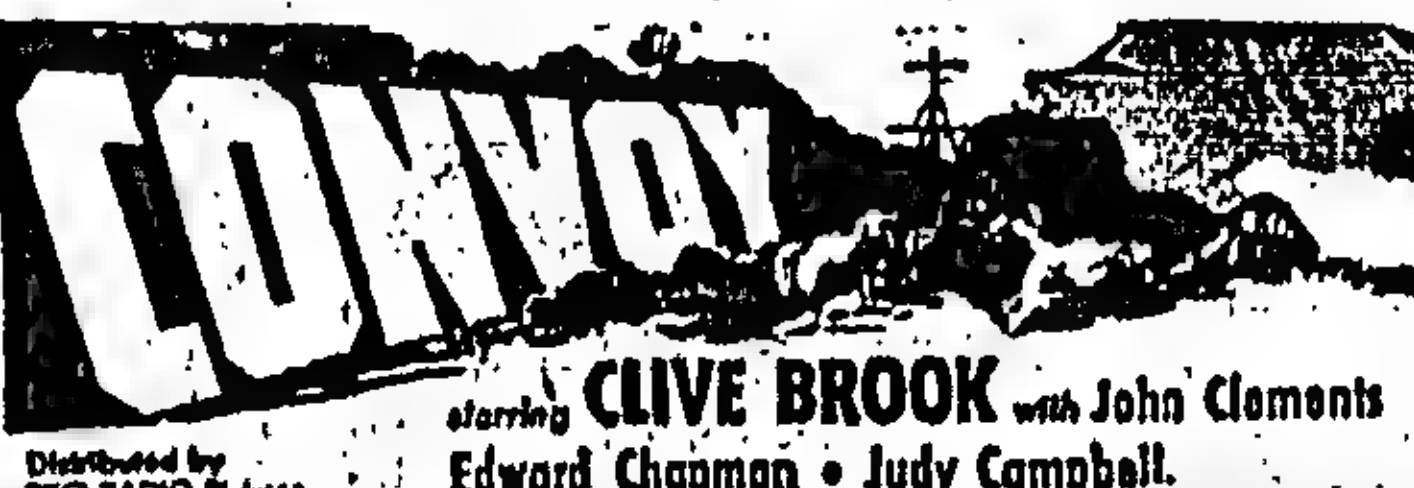


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Konoye To Head New Cabinet

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tion ceremonies will follow at the Imperial Palace in the evening. After Prince Konoye's departure, he conferred with Kozo Ota, a member of the House of Peers and Chief Secretary to the former Minister of Communications, and conferred for 30 minutes before returning to see Baron Hiranuma.

Meanwhile, high officials of the War and Navy Ministries held separate conferences—talks reliably indicating that the armed forces are ready to co-operate with Prince Konoye's effort to a new cabinet.

Financial Reaction
Financial circles generally interpret Prince Konoye's acceptance as an indication that immediate changes are pending regarding domestic and international policies. Financial and industrial leaders urge that this third Konoye Cabinet should immediately undertake, firstly, increased production of war industries; secondly, stricter control of oil, coal and the chemical industries; thirdly, a new programme of fiscal and monetary management; fourthly, stricter control of food to protect the nation's standard of living.

The resignation of the old cabinet was received by the Tokyo Stock Exchange with cautious calm though shipping shares were weak.

Boost For Konoye
The "Japan Times and Advertiser" in an editorial, states: "Out of the change in administrative machinery will, we feel confident, emerge a cabinet inheriting the character and force of the one which Prince Konoye and his eminent chief colleagues have built up. Some new faces will be seen and new talent added, yet the policy of a strongly united state, committed to a high condition of defence and political continuity, assuredly will remain."

"The work already done is a promise of greater things in future. At this moment, there is a livelier trust that the future government will measure up to past performances as well as rise to new heights."

German Hope
LONDON, July 17 (Reuter).—The German Government has expressed the hope that the new Japanese Cabinet will be exclusively military.

Should Enter War
ZURICH, July 17 (Reuter).—References to the Tripartite Pact in the semi-official "Diplomatic Correspondence" to-day are regarded by the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" as a strong hint to Japan to form a military government, give up her hesitation and enter the war on Germany's side.

Tojo and Oikawa
TOKYO, July 17 (Reuter).—Prince Konoye's success in forming his third Cabinet is reported to be very promising, with General Tojo, War Minister, and Admiral Oikawa, Navy Minister, reported to be remaining.

U.S. Army Chief Warns

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categories respectively in September and October.

Marshall's Argument
WASHINGTON, July 17 (Reuter).—General George C. Marshall, Chief of Army Staff, testifying before the Senate-Military-Committee, drew attention to the urgent necessity, from the military standpoint, for Congress to declare a national emergency under which selectees, National Guardsmen and reserves could be retained in service beyond a year.

General Marshall said that from a strategic standpoint, the efficiency of the War Department and military forces would be greatly improved if Congress removed the present prohibitions against longer service.

General Marshall at the same time declared that it was absurd to believe that he had an American Expeditionary Force in mind.

Unwise To Stop Now
"We started only last fall. We can do a wonderful job. We can render ourselves so strong that all our interests will be safeguarded. To stop in the middle of the procedure would not be wise when the situation as we see it in the War Department is so grave."

He added that the War Department was unable to publish all its information regarding current developments. He gave as an instance the army's inability to operate efficiently because of the large number of one-year selectees, Guardsmen and reservists.

The War Department up to now had been unable to send a squadron of 24 fighters to Iceland to support the Marines.

Orthopaedic Work

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Appeal for Funds to Aid Wounded Chinese

China has fought for four years against subjection. It now has tens of thousands of crippled soldiers and civilians and the number steadily increases. In every war, in every country, this is a serious problem, but it is particularly serious in China because of the prolonged struggle, the deepening poverty and the general scientific backwardness.

A Committee has been formed in Hongkong under the patronage of Madame H. H. Kung to support the existing Orthopaedic Centres of the Emergency Medical Training Schools at Kwelyang, Paocheng and Yiyang and to endeavour to extend the Centres to each war area. The work of the Hospitals and Vocational Centres is to repair broken bodies of soldiers and civilians and to train them to earn a living.

The Campaign, to raise HK\$200,000 will open on July 21 at the Hongkong Hotel when His Excellency the Governor will make the Appeal Bishop Hall will preside at the gathering, and prior to His Excellency's appeal, Dr Robert Lim will speak on the Orthopaedic Centres. The Appeal will be supported by Dr C. T. Wang and the Hon. Mr. K. Lo will close the proceedings.

Donations should be sent to the Hon. Mr. K. Lo, Hon. Secretary, British Fund for Relief of Distress in South China, Alexandra Building, under whose auspices the campaign is being held.

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KEEL A DAY IN U.S. SHIP YARDS

NEW YORK, July 17 (Reuter).—One ship per day had its keel laid down in American yards during the 40 days ended July 10, reports the U.S. Navy Department.

Twenty-two vessels were launched during that period, including the battleship South Dakota, two destroyers, one submarine and a number of smaller craft, including seven high-speed motor torpedo boats.

LATE NEWS

Moscow Asserts Victory Certain

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by competent observers to bear out Soviet claims that the Red Army has adequate equipment.

The fact remains that the Nazis have failed in the last 14 days to make any spectacular progress.

Air Forces Compared

Soviet fighter planes are highly praised by experts who say that many of these are better than Messerschmitt—Russian dive-bombers are also considered excellent. The Germans nowhere have managed to secure a lasting air supremacy, while frequently the Soviets exercise local superiority.

The miscellaneous nature of the Luftwaffe, comprising Italian, Czech and Polish planes, suggests that the more standardised units of the Luftwaffe are still on the western front, and this assortment of planes is a sign of German weakness in air strength.

It seems that both sides have been busy bombarding each other's rear communications and transports.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, is:

Buyers	
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1034) 93	Canton Ins. \$225
Union Ins. \$400	H.K. Fire Ins. \$185
Providents \$5.85	Chinese Estates \$101
Lights \$1.30	Electricity "X" \$1.22
Electricity "N" \$21	Macao Electric \$10.10
Sellers	
Providents \$5.95	Lands \$35.75
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Sales	
H.K. Banks \$1,415	Docks \$15.80
Providents \$5.00	Humphreys \$7
Lights \$1.30	Ropes \$8.80

Hitler Defied By His Victims

LONDON, July 17 (Reuter).—A special commentary in the "New York Times" of yesterday says, "Out of Nazi-occupied lands a steady stream of smuggled news provides continuous evidence that Hitler has not overcome the dauntless spirit of the peoples he has conquered and alarmed."

"Fresh evidence comes from Norway that there, all but three of 18 Provincial Governors have resigned rather than obey the puppet quisling."

"Under the excuse of a shortage of workers, compulsory labour has now been decreed throughout the country. But it will not profit the occupying Power."

"Norwegian exports to the Reich are on a steady decline. Transferable food has been exhausted and the population ingeniously keeps production down so that new supplies fail to materialise."

"Hitler reaps only new problems from the lands he has over-run."

America's Tactical Position

NEW YORK, July 17 (Reuter).—"Germany's defeat would be assured were the United States to throw her entire weight into the war today," declared William B. Ziff, publisher of the well-informed magazine "Flying and Popular Aviation" in an interview.

"With England serving as our base we would have the advantage of being only a few hundred miles from Germany while Germany would be thousands of miles from us."

He added that the United States was in a "superb tactical position to pour on Germany deadly destruction crippling all her operations without fear of retaliation."

Latest Chungking Appointments

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CHUNGKING, July 17 (UP).—It has been confirmed that two new Vice-Ministers have been named to the Foreign Office—Mr. Fu Ping-chiang will succeed Mr. Hsu Mo and Mr. Chien Tai, until recently the Chinese Ambassador to Berlin, is succeeding Mr. T. K. Tsen.

Mr. Chien Tai is now en route to China via Lisbon and America.

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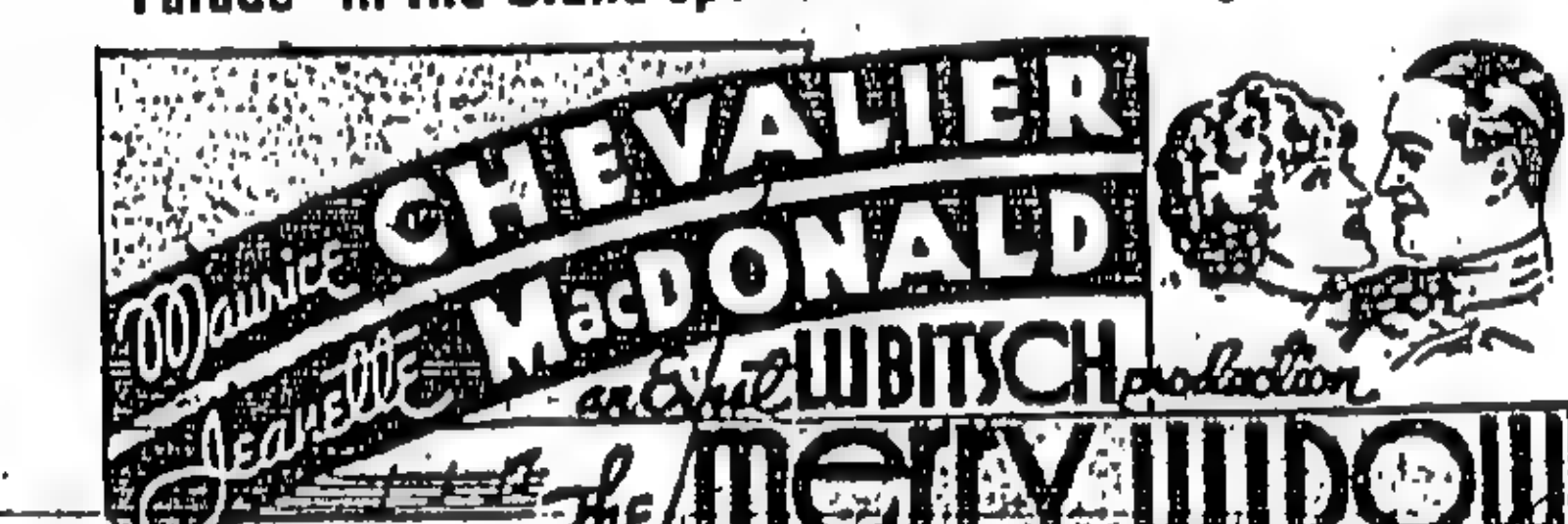
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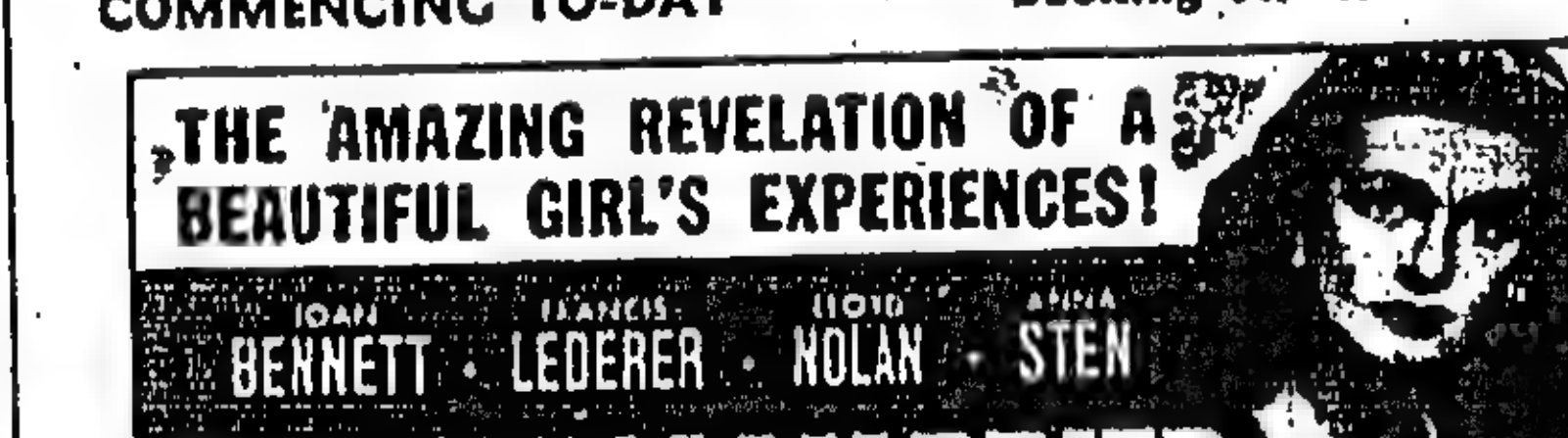
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Prince Konoye Retains Japanese Premiership



Konoye To Head New Cabinet With Army And Navy Blessings

TOKYO, July 17 (Reuter).—Prince Konoye has accepted the Imperial command to form a new Cabinet and has already received a pledge of co-operation from the War and Navy Ministers.

The senior statesmen met this afternoon to choose the candidate for the premiership and the Marquis Koichi Kido, Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal, went to the Imperial Palace to report their decision to the Emperor who, with the Empress, had returned from the country villa only 25 minutes earlier.

Nazi General Killed In Action

Friend Of Hitler
LONDON, July 17 (Reuter).—News that the Nazi Major-General Otto Lancelle has been killed in Russia will be a blow to Hitler with whom he had always been a favourite.

He was one of the men who planned the Munich "putsch" in 1923 and had worked with Hitler ever since.

Lancelle was 56 and came of a family which emigrated to Germany during the French revolution. Always opposed to the Communists, he helped to quell the Communist movement in Munich after the collapse of the German armies.

Refused Weimar Oath
He refused to take the oath of allegiance to the Weimar Republic, preferring to retire from the Army. Later he became one of the founders of the Stahlhelm and when Hitler dissolved the organisation, he was given a command of storm-troopers. On the outbreak of war with Poland, he was promoted to Major-General.

NEW G.O.C. ARRIVES

Hongkong's new General Officer Commanding, Major-General C. M. Maltby, M.C., arrived in the Colony this morning aboard the President Madison.

Major-General Maltby, who recently held an important appointment in South India, is succeeding Major-General A. E. Granett, who is leaving this week for a new appointment in England.

HISTORY'S GREATEST BATTLE OF ARMS NOW IN FULL SWING

Special to the "Telegraph"

BERLIN, July 17 (UP).—THE GERMAN WAR MACHINE, SURGING EASTWARD UNDER A CLOAK OF ARTIFICIAL FOG, IN THE "GREATEST STRUGGLE IN WORLD HISTORY", TO-DAY CLAIMED THE CAPTURE OF SMOLENSK ON THE ROAD TO MOSCOW, KISHINEFF, THE Bessarabian Capital, AND OF THE LAST HEAVY DEFENCES OF KIEV.

D.N.B. REPORTED THAT THE ALL-OUT STRUGGLE SAW NINE MILLION MEN AND MASSES OF WEAPONS LOCKED IN BATTLE.

The German official agency stated that the Germans are driving on Leningrad, smashing Red counter-attacks "with the bloodiest losses" while the authorised military spokesman described a gigantic conflict along the entire front "which will probably decide the fate of the Soviet-German war."

D.N.B. revealed that the German break-through on the Stalin line was incomplete, leaving important fortified strongholds in the rear still uncaptured. The strongly defended town of Polotsk, about 40 miles west of the Stalin line on the Vitebsk front, was taken only yesterday, the Germans having passed by it in their first break-through.

Smolensk is stated to be one of the heaviest losses to the Soviet armies so far, according to responsible quarters. The city is an extremely important railway and highway junction and is also one of the largest industrial centres west of Moscow, with big armament and aeroplane factories.

The city had been ceaselessly bombed by the Luftwaffe for the past three days in an effort to put the factories out of commission and to wreck the rear communications of the Red Army.

Smolensk Reports
LONDON, July 17 (Reuter).—On the eastern front the Germans claimed to have captured Smolensk but this has not been substantiated by the German High Command. It is not unlikely that the Germans are in the vicinity of the city as the Soviets assert that fighting is taking place in that area.

On the eastern front the Germans state that 9,000,000 men are confronting each other on a scale exceeding anything in history.

No Confirmation
LONDON, July 17 (Reuter).—Up to 6.30 p.m. (G.M.T.) the German radio had still made no mention of the claim by the official German News Agency that the important town of Smolensk, 220 miles west of Moscow, had been captured by the Nazis.

Progress In South
LONDON, July 17 (Reuter).—The German official news agency claims that German and Rumanian troops have reached Kishineff, capital of Bessarabia.

Latest Chungking
Appointments
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CHUNGKING, July 17 (UP).—It has been confirmed that two new Vice-Ministers have been named, to the Foreign Office—Mr. Fu Ping-chang will succeed Mr. Hsu Mo and Mr. Chen Tai, until recently the Chinese Ambassador, to Berlin, is succeeding Mr. T. K. Tsen.

Mr. Chen Tai is now en route to China via Lisbon and America.

N. Ireland Would Welcome American Intervention

Special to the "Telegraph"

BELFAST, July 17 (UP).—The Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, Mr. J. M. Andrews, commenting in an exclusive interview on the presence of American technicians in Ulster, said: "All that America wants to do in Northern Ireland, she is at liberty to do. Anything that Britain and the United States arrange has the full approval of the Northern Ireland government."

Asked if Northern Ireland would welcome the landing of American forces, Premier Andrews said, "Certainly, and I would go to meet them and shake the General's hand."

Mr. Andrews declined to enlarge on his remarks regarding the Americans already here, but when asked his opinion of American participation in the war, he said, "The sooner she comes in the better."

70th Birthday
To-day is Mr. Andrews' seventieth birthday. He received the "United

RUSSIAN REPORT ON THE WAR

No Important Changes

MOSCOW, July 18 (Reuter).—The following is the text of the communiqué issued by the Soviet Information Bureau early this morning:

"During July 17, our troops waged battles in the directions of Pskov, Porkev, Polotsk, Smolensk, Novograd-Volynsk and on the sector of the Bessarabian front."

"As the result of the fighting, no important change took place in the disposition of our troops on the front."

"During July 17, our air force operated against enemy motor and mechanised troops and destroyed aircraft on aerodromes."

"During July 18 and 19, 98 German aircraft were destroyed. We lost 23."

Advance To Kiev
LONDON, July 18 (Reuter).—Soviet troops are now trying to delay the German advance by attacks on German infantry troops, following the armoured advance guards in the Kiev area says the German official news agency early this morning.

Attacks on Murmansk
Railway
HELSINKI, July 17 (U. A. C.).—A communiqué states that enemy railroads were bombed and cut at several points and in some cases transport trains were directly hit. The Murmansk railway was attacked by Finnish bombers at Luotimapeo, Oulotolotta and Petroskoi.

LATEST

JAPANESE CABINET SELECTED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, July 18 (Domei).—It is reliably understood that the Premier, Prince Fumimaro Konoye, has practically completed his third Cabinet.

The new Cabinet members are understood to include:

Prime Minister, Prince Fumimaro Konoye.
Foreign, Admiral Tetsuro Toyoda (Minister of Commerce and Industry in the second Konoye Cabinet).
War, Lt. Gen. Hidetoki Tojo (retaining the same post in the outgoing Cabinet).
Navy, Admiral Koshiro Oikawa (retaining the same post in the outgoing Cabinet).
Communications, Mr. Shozo Murata (retaining the same post in the outgoing Cabinet).
Finance, Mr. Masamune Ogura (Minister without Portfolio in the former Cabinet).
Justice, Mr. Shiroto Miyake (former Vice-Minister of Justice).
Home, Mr. Harumichi Tanabe.

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Moscow Asserts Victory Certain

MOSCOW, July 17 (Reuter).—It is now regarded as absolutely inevitable that the Nazis will be defeated ultimately, no matter what setback the Soviets may receive in the meantime.

This confidence, which is even greater than a week ago, has arisen from the slowness of the German advance, and the reassuring effect of the Anglo-Russian alliance. It is reflected in Moscow's mood and in the tone of the Soviet propaganda.

Everybody's life appears more normal than a week ago, theatres and cinemas are crowded, while in the famous Riverside park of Culture and Rest, merry-go-rounds, restaurants and fine theatrical exhibitions are in great demand these warm clear evenings.

No Spectacular Results
At the front, no spectacular results have been achieved by the Nazis following the announcement of the second great offensive, which began five days ago in Pskov, Vitebsk and Novograd-Volynsk sectors, in spite of very heavy fighting with considerable losses to each side.

Nazi advance columns have succeeded in penetrating as far as the neighbourhood of Smolensk, also to the east of Pskov, although according to reports on Thursday morning, both fronts were still in a state of uncertainty.

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WAVELL IN INDIA

Praises Country's Aid In
Mediterranean Campaign

SIMLA, July 17 (Reuter).—"India has given every possible assistance and without it, the campaign in the Western Desert and the occupation of Syria could hardly have been carried out," declared General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief in India, at a press conference to-day.

It had been an inspiration to him, he said, to see the magnificent work of the Indian troops in the Middle East and to know of India's great war effort from the invaluable assistance given him there.

A Leading Role
General Wavell emphasised that in the Middle East and elsewhere the forces from India continue to play a leading part and contribute towards final victory.

Referring to India's defence, General Wavell said, "So long as we have so many young men willing to serve and such fine material, and so long as India continues to produce war material in addition to the supplies coming from England, we need have no doubt as to the defence of India."

Husbands' Broadcast To Australia

In response to numerous requests, it has been decided to close the ballot in connection with the forthcoming broadcast to Australia a week before the actual date, that is, at noon on Thursday, July 24. This will enable those successful in the ballot who may wish to do so, to cable their wives and families in Australia to listen in during the actual broadcast, which will take place, as previously arranged, at 8.15 p.m. on Thursday, July 31.

The names of the successful candidates will now be announced from Z.E.W. at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 24th, instead of at the same time on July 30, as previously arranged.

Hitler Missing The Boat

Invasion Of Britain
Less & Less Possible

By Edward Beattie

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, July 17 (UP).—Nearly four weeks of the all-out offensive against Russia, regardless of the oppressive gains, has involved Germany so deeply in East Europe that an invasion of Britain this autumn will soon be out of the question according to the opinion of exceptionally well informed sources in London.

It is believed here that Hitler must be in a position to start a turn-about by August first in order to get into position for an assault before bad weather sets in.

To-day, the stepped-up British offensive in Western Europe resulted only in the transfer of a small number of skilled fighter pilots from the Russian front and it is considered that the mass movement and reformation of the Luftwaffe in West Europe will take about a month.

The army could hardly be regrouped, re-equipped and rested under two months—and not that fast if the Russians have caused any where near the casualties they claim.

JAPANESE PRESSURE ON PETAIN

Latest Reports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, July 17 (UP).—Neutral sources with contacts in Vichy tend to confirm reports that the Japanese are continuing to put strong pressure on Marshal Petain to hand over Camranh Bay if he does not wish to lose it by force.

Other diplomatic circles have received similar reports, one stating that Tokyo has given Vichy only a few days to decide whether to submit or fight.

It is generally expected that the new Japanese Cabinet is likely to follow a more drastic policy than the old, despite the influence of industrialist conservatives.

It is known that some Japanese politicians are convinced that Japan could obtain useful concessions in Indo-China without gravely risking effective Anglo-American intervention or counter-action, and that they hope in this way to secure new sources of food and raw materials as well as useful bases, simultaneously convincing Hitler that they are collaborating dutifully in Axis policy.

CUBAN CABINET

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HAVANA, July 17 (UP).—President Fulgencio Batista to-day formed a new Cabinet and appointed eleven former Cabinet members some of whom were assigned to new posts.

Ex-President Laredo Bru is now Minister of Justice.

YUNGAN, July 18 (Central News).—The Chinese University in Shanghai will be removed to the interior.

Thousandth U.S. Hudson Bomber For Britain

LOS ANGELES, July 17 (Reuter).—The 1,000th Hudson bomber for Britain took off for England to-day to the cheers of 30,000 aircraft workers and in the presence of Lord Halifax and Lady Halifax.

Jimmy Mattern, the famous United States airman, was at the controls and in wishing it God-speed, Lady Halifax expressed Britain's appreciation of the efforts of United States aircraft workers, adding: "Now your labour takes wings. Go, Jimmy Mattern, and God bless you."

Mattern twice circled the factory field before flying eastwards.

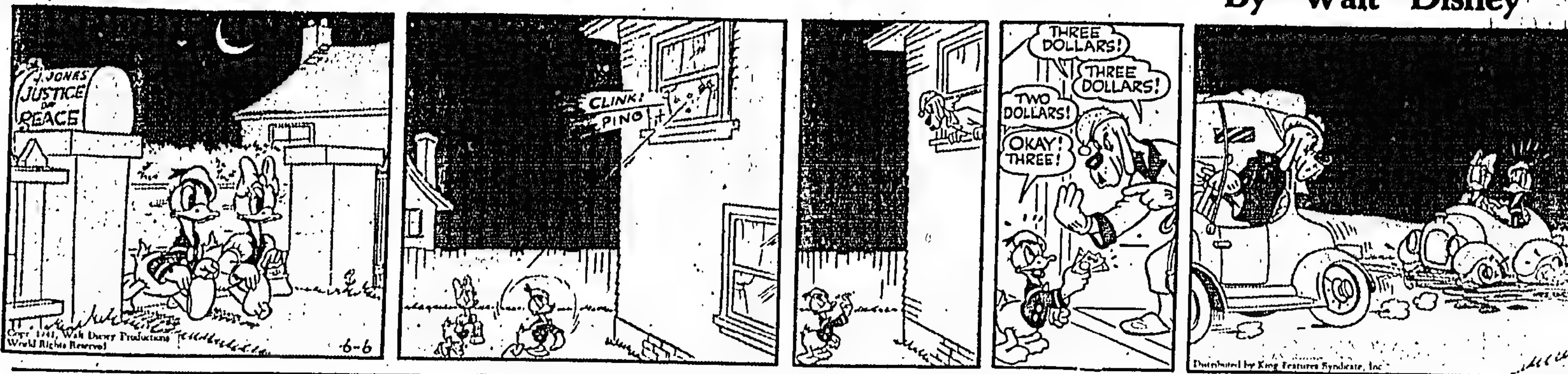
Regular Ferry Service
LONDON, July 17 (Reuter).—Encouraging news regarding the number of American bombers arriving in Britain was given in official circles to-night.

Daily twin-engined Lockheed Hudsons, four-engined Consolidated Liberators, Flying Fortresses and Catalina flying boats are flown across the Atlantic and not one has been lost.

Facilities for receiving them have been expanded so that Britain is now in a position to meet the spurt in American production.

Arrangements have been completed for sending back by air as many as possible of the pilots and crews who are ferrying the bombers to Britain. No time is wasted in getting the men back to their bases on the other side of the Atlantic, so ensuring that no bombers ready for delivery are held up for lack of pilots and crews.

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"Swing" Hand

A SWING of 2,400 points on a single board is enough to decide almost any team-of-four match. That was the case in the recent Vanderbilt tournament. In New York, with the hand shown below playing the role of both hero and villain—according to the point of view.

Both sides vulnerable.
Team-of-four match.
Total point scoring.
North dealer.

♠ A 8 4	♠ J 10 7 6
♥ A Q 8 6 3 2	♥ 4 3 2
♦ A K 10	♦ 10 9
♣ K J 7 6 3	♣ Q 6 4
♠ A K	♠ Q J
♥ A K	♥ J 8 8

At table No. 1, the bidding proceeded:

North	East	South	West
1♠	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass.	5♥	Pass.	Pass.

It required only reasonable defense to hold East to six of his eight heart tricks and thus he had to pay the suicidal penalty of 1,400 points. The fault here must be divided fairly evenly between East and West. East's preemptive heart bid was anything but good, despite his extreme length. Had he not been vulnerable, there would have been logic in his attempted shut-out, but as it was, the risk was too great. Even so, however, he would have escaped without punishment except for the atrocious co-operation of his partner. South refused to be shut out with his very fair hand, and through a leap to four spades entailed considerable risk. It appeared to be the least of all evils. It was West who put his own team in jeopardy by doubling the four spade bid. Granting that he could expect better hearts from East, it was still highly questionable that a four spade con-

tract could be defeated, and surely a doubly "pinching" the spades for South's guidance would not increase the defenders' chance. Moreover, there was the strong probability that East would not be able to stand the double, as indeed he could not. North's prompt redouble put East-West in the position where they had to lose an enormous number of points either by standing pat or by running to five hearts.

Excellent play on South's part could have produced two extra tricks at a four spade contract, but inasmuch as this would have involved almost double dummy technique, it is highly questionable that slam contract should have been reached and, even more questionable, that it would have been made if West had not disclosed the spade situation. The conclusion, so far as it affects this table, must be that East-West took entirely too much action on their very meagre resources.

At the other table, the partners of the ill-fated East-West team, here sitting North-South, did just as badly, reaching a seven diamond contract! West doubled and North had the unmitigated nerve to redouble. The contract was defeated two tricks for 1,000 points. Thus the teammates sitting North-South at the first table and East-West at the second table, collected 2,400 points on this board.

To-morrow's Hand

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
North-South 30 part-score.

♠ A 10 9 8 2	♠ A Q 10 8 2
♥ 10 8 6 5	♥ 10 8 6 5
♦ A 10 9 8	♦ A 10 9 8
♣ K 6 3	♣ K 6 3
♠ A 10 9 8	♠ A 10 9 8
♥ 10 8 6 5	♥ 10 8 6 5
♦ A 10 9 8	♦ A 10 9 8
♣ K 6 3	♣ K 6 3

How should this hand be bid, and how should South play it at a two notrump contract if West opens the club ten?

The Blitz Comes to Fleet Street

By Ritchie Calder

well-known London columnist

Never once, throughout the blitz, has any of the national newspapers failed to come out. Sometimes it has been a belated edition, but the tradition has been unbroken. And the same is true of the provincial papers.

Yet it is still possible for country readers to write in indignantly: "From my shelter, I heard enemy planes flying over continuously all night and yet all I find in my morning paper is a brief account..." That brief account probably meant newspapermen going out into Hell, being injured, falling into craters, being knocked out by blast and crawling back through wreckage and falling bombs to catch the country edition.

Once, before they were seasoned, newspaper staffs used to go to shelter when the spotters gave the "Flicker"—a lamp that flashes in every department when the bombs are dropping in the immediate vicinity. Now, with the windows bricked up, they just carry on at their desks, ignoring "Jerry."

They go home in the morning, often, to find their own homes bombed and all they possess destroyed, and just mention it as a piece of gossip when they return to duty the same night.

Some of us are the Blitz-Bloodhounds. Wherever the Luftwaffe goes, we must follow. When London was being pounded in September, the only way to get Front Line stories was to be in the Front Line and that meant sharing day and night the lives of these ordinary, but incredible people of the backstreets. It meant patrolling the blitz at all hours.

It meant sleeping—although "sleep" was often an exaggeration—in every type of shelter (and, believe me, I did take shelter!)—Andersons, surface shelters, big community shelters, where every race and type herded together, the Tubes and luxury shelters of de luxe hotels. That was when I discovered that "pluck" was often just funk in disguise.

Most often, it was a case of "putting a face on it" because otherwise you might look silly—as I did when I crawled out from under a bar in an East End pub to find the unperturbed Cockneys laughing at me, although the bomb had dropped only a block away.

Of course, I had my tin hat, but sometimes it wasn't much use. For instance, one night I was making a tour of shelters with Father Groser, militant, indomitable, tireless clergyman of the East End.

It was one of the bad nights, but Father John went striding along, throughout the black-out and blitz, his cassock flying and his white head uncovered. Every time a bomb dropped he told me it was a door slamming in one of the wrecked houses. When a building collapsed, he said it was the demolition squad working late.

And all the time he kept

on talking about water getting into the shelters, or how he could get Mrs. Brown away from London, or how to persuade the East Enders to pay less than a penny for a cup of tea, without them thinking it was charity. Ten feet ahead of us, a mighty spark leapt from the footway. "An incendiary bomb," I suggested. "No," said John, "a splinter." So it was, eighteen inches long and weighing a pound.

It was then I took him firmly by the arm and said: "Why don't you wear a tin hat, John? If you don't, I can't. It isn't done." Coolly he said: "I can't wear a tin hat. My people have not got tin hats. If I wore one, it would make me different from them." So both of us had to finish the night bareheaded.

Within a month, I had been out in twenty-three blitzes. Since then I have

"It didn't," I replied. "Don't be silly," he said severely, "it must have landed just here." And for ten minutes we argued, quite heatedly, as to what I had done with that bomb. Presumably it had "touched off" in the air. But that warden had to account for it somehow in his return.

We journalists may count ourselves hardened campaigners, but we realise we are mere amateurs compared with these matter-of-fact heroes of the civil defence.

A colleague was in the thick of a bomb-incident. He was groping his way through a mesh of fire hoses, with the bombs dropping around, and pretending to be a hero, when he fell headlong into a fresh-made crater. As he was climbing out of it, a warden leaned over the edge and demanded: "Where's your identity card?" "What

On the Trail of Air Raid Stories

lost count. But in my off-time I have been the first to take cover when the sirens went. Why? Because I have a "suicide complex." I would not deliberately commit suicide, but, when there is a job to be done, my life isn't my own responsibility.

That nasty smear on my waistcoat is the reminder of the night I "pinched the bomb." The blitz had based into silence and I was alone in a deserted street when suddenly, there was the whistle of a stick of bombs, one, two and a third—by the sound of it—coming straight for me. I dived into a puddle. There was a terrific explosion and I waited for the buildings to collapse on top of me.

Nothing happened. I picked myself up rather sheepishly to be confronted by a panting warden. "Where did that one land?" he demanded.

the hell!" exploded the journalist. "Do you think I came down with the bomb?"

The regular "Blitz-bloodhounds," whom I encounter in each new Blitz Town, include American journalists. One of them, after he had been dug out of the cellar of his bombed house, said to me: "Can I call myself a 'Londoner' now? I've been initiated!"

That has been one of the compensations of our job in the Battle of Britain. We haven't been just reporters standing outside the event and recording it. We have been part of the event. We have been initiated into the "brotherhood of the blitz"—into that "we-are-all-in-it-together" fellowship of the ordinary blokes, with whom we have shared the risks and lived the "story."

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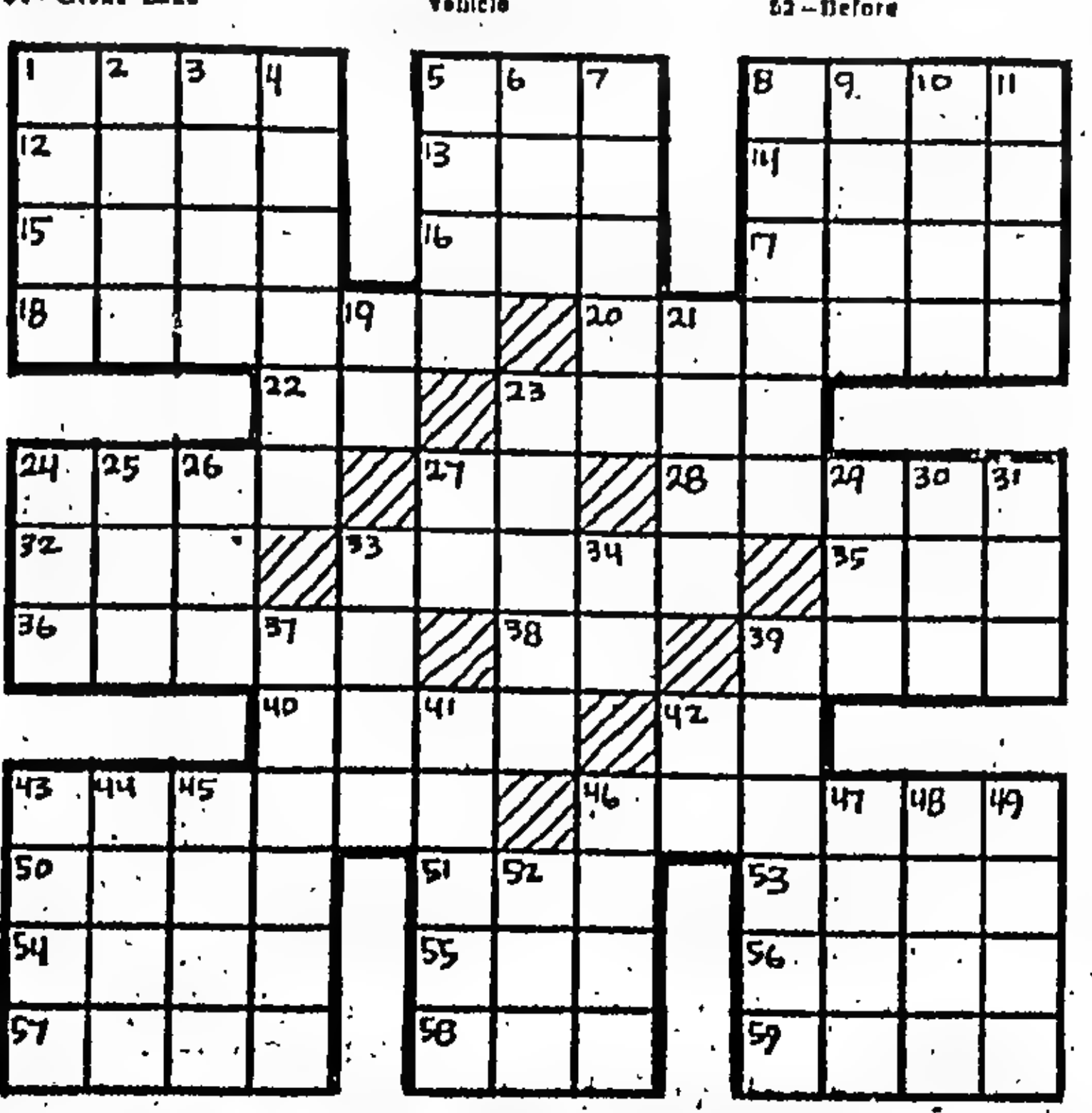
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- Throw
- Denial
- Type of plant
- Female friend (French)
- Cast
- Female voice
- Union of leader
- Infatuation pertaining to
- Utter for guiding
- Quick vibratory movement
- Those who play part
- Intimating exclamation
- Low in grade
- Reactive
- Cause of exaltation
- Naval affirmative
- Organization
- Long narrow inlet
- Combining form skin
- Concerning
- Small depression
- Strong brew
- French article
- Traps
- Subtle
- Canoe shelter
- Large body of water
- Comfort
- Great Lake

DOWN

- More drawn vehicle
- River in Asia
- Trigonometric function
- Feed covering
- Free from clouds
- Mouthful
- Pertaining to
- Pursue with cruelty
- Kind descendant
- Conjunction
- Stalk
- Place with
- Polioless wings
- Grass
- Organ of sight
- Combining form air
- Anger
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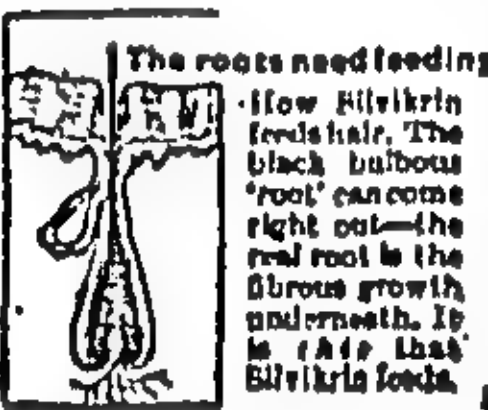
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JAPAN'S NEW CRISIS

THE collapse of the Japanese Cabinet did not come as a great surprise; it was forecast in this column while Mr Matsuoka was junketing across Europe. It is a fitting climax to years of misguided zeal by headstrong politicians plunging blindly along an uncharted path to a nebulous New Order in Asia. Until the Cabinet is reconstructed only guesses can be made at the future Japanese policy. It has already been stated, however, that there will be no basic change. This can be regarded as a nonsensical stopgap as it is pretty evident that the Cabinet has broken up over major and basic issues—war north or south, appeasement of democracies or head over heels with Hitler, observance of the pledged word to Russia or a stab in the back.

One can have nothing but sympathy for the solid mass of Japanese who have been so cruelly deluded by their leaders that, after great sacrifices in men, material and goodwill over four years they find themselves at a time when they should be reaping in the bountiful harvest of neutrality, still standing at the crossroads of confusion. After sympathy there is surprise that the Japanese people have remained so long incoherent and passive under conditions that called for national unity from the rice fields and the small factory right up through the structure of the country to the highest office. Yet the fact is that though one association after another, each little more impressive than the previous, has been formed with that avowed objective, the direction of policy is still in the hands of one or two cliques who have publicly squabbled over every major issue and whose one common ground is an idealistic and unrealistic conception of all Asia for all Japanese.

It is sincerely to be hoped that Japan will, in one of the inevitable phrases of our own great leader, "find her soul." In the short years that she has been haltered to the Nazi chariot she has suffered humiliation without recompense. Perhaps new leaders may find a way out of the intricate mazes in which she has contained.



LORD STRABOLGI

writes on

Russia, Germany And Japan

THERE IS A CER-certainly ready for service. To obtain control of the TAIN POETIC IN-now, though many of her Caucasian oil fields and a JUSTICE in the fact that key personnel were lost in right of passage through to Ukraine and set up a puppet government under the just as the Treaty of the Bismarck where they Persia and Iraq, it would be Friendship and Non-Aggression signed between Germany and Russia. In addition, the in the field. In the absence of Germany and Russia in Germans probably have fit of naval control in the Black August 1939 was immediately followed for service one remaining Sea, the German army will ately followed by the inva-pocket battleship. have a long way to travel to armistice, and, with a sion of Poland, so the In the Black Sea the reach these oil fields. nucleus of followers; he has Treaty of Friendship and situation is reversed. Further inroads have been maintained in Berlin Non-Aggression signed be-Though the Germans have been made on the petroleum ever since.

The German - Turkish of the negligible navalists. Some of the most im- Pact, and the seizure by the forces of Bulgaria and portant targets are the oil Germans of the Greek Is-Rumania. The Russian storage tanks and oil re- lands in the Aegean Sea, Fleet in the Black Sea con-fineries, and already these Russia. will make it difficult for the sists of a sister ship of the have suffered serious dam- British Empire to send help Marat, which has been age- particularly in the the Russia. to Russia by way of the modernised and reconstruct-Hamburg district. Black Sea. The island of, the Pariskaya-Kommuna, Lemnos commands the en-together with two modern trances to the Dardanelles, light cruisers, four old will depend on the fighting between 120 German, Fin- and the German occupation cruisers, a flotilla of some nish and Rumanian divi- of Crete still further threa- twenty modern destroyers tions, opposed by some 150 tens such a line of communi- and, according to the latest Russian divisions, and on cation. information, about a dozen efficient submarines.

With Turkey neutralised, the results of the fighting between the opposing air The German seizure of Denmark placed in the hands of the Nazis the en- any seaborne expedition into Russian Air Force is very trances to the Baltic. Yet the Black Sea. This is im- numerous, though only part of it is provided with aero- there are certain lines of communication open with the Russian pursuit-planes of the most modern versal of German policy to- type. In the Spanish fight- ing the Russian pursuit- of which are in the north, wards Russia was the pro- planes were good, but the spective shortage of petro- bombers were too slow and leum in the Reich. unwieldy.

It is known also that great The German war economy attention has been paid in the latter well inside Russian requires 18 million tons of Russia to the tank weapon territory and with railway petroleum a year, apart and that great numbers of communications. The ports from the needs of Italy and Russian soldiers have been in the White Sea, Archangel the minimum which must be specially trained as parachu- being the principal one, are supplied to the occupied tists. free of ice during the sum- countries if agricultural The Soviet Government of mer and have rail com- products, raw materials and Russia were not caught un- munications also. Apart certain manufactured goods aware by the German de- from the trans-Siberian required for the German clation of war, and pre- railway reaching the Pacific war machine are to be forth- parations for this even- Ocean at Vladivostok, the coming. The whole of the tuality have been in pro- remaining Russian outlets German domestic produc- gress since September 1939. are through Persia and tion, plus the petroleum of Furthermore, a long range Poland and Rumania, only programme of defence had

NAVAL STRENGTHS totals some nine million been in operation, providing In the Baltic, Germany tons a year. It is known for an important part of should have no difficulty in that very large reserves the Russian war industries obtaining control, but she were built up before the pre- to be moved to the Ural will be able to send no more sent war and that consider- mountain districts, to which heavy warships to the At- able quantities of petroleum the Government itself could lantic trade routes for com- have been seized in France, retreat. merce raiding. In the Bal- Holland and other invaded old, the Russians have two countries. Nevertheless, the the Oktiabrskaya-Revolutia nine million tons a year, and Germans use Fifth Column (October Revolution) as this can only be obtained methods in Russia? •The well as four modern light within a reasonable period, most fertile field from Ger- cruisers. These two old and if all goes well from the many's point of view is the battleships, though power-German point of view from Ukraine. Here there has full, would be no match for the Caucasus, Persia and always been an embryo Separatist movement, and it the Tirpitz, which is almost Iraq.

HISTORIC CARTOON

Reproduced here is a now-historic cartoon, "Rendezvous," dated September 20, 1939, satirising the signing of the Russo-German non-aggression pact which precipitated the war by the brilliant British cartoonist, David Low.

has been sedulously cultivated by Germany from long before the war of 1914-18. In that war, it will be remembered, the German armies penetrated into the Ukraine and set up a puppet government under the Cossack Hetman, Skoropad-Aggression signed between Germany and Russia. In addition, the in the field. In the absence of Germany and Russia in Germans probably have fit of naval control in the Black August 1939 was immediately followed for service one remaining Sea, the German army will ately followed by the inva-pocket battleship. have a long way to travel to armistice, and, with a sion of Poland, so the In the Black Sea the reach these oil fields. nucleus of followers; he has Treaty of Friendship and situation is reversed. Further inroads have been maintained in Berlin Non-Aggression signed be-Though the Germans have been made on the petroleum ever since.

Certain of the wealthier classes in the Ukraine have been nationalistic in outlook for several generations, but it is doubtful if numerically important dissident elements remain in this part of Russia.

As the Ukraine has the best wheat growing lands, together with highly important deposits of good-quality coal and iron ore, it has always represented a rich prize for a successful conqueror. As the Ukraine is also on the line of advance to the Caucasus and the oil fields, the principal battles may be expected to be fought in this part of Russia.

JAPAN'S ATTITUDE

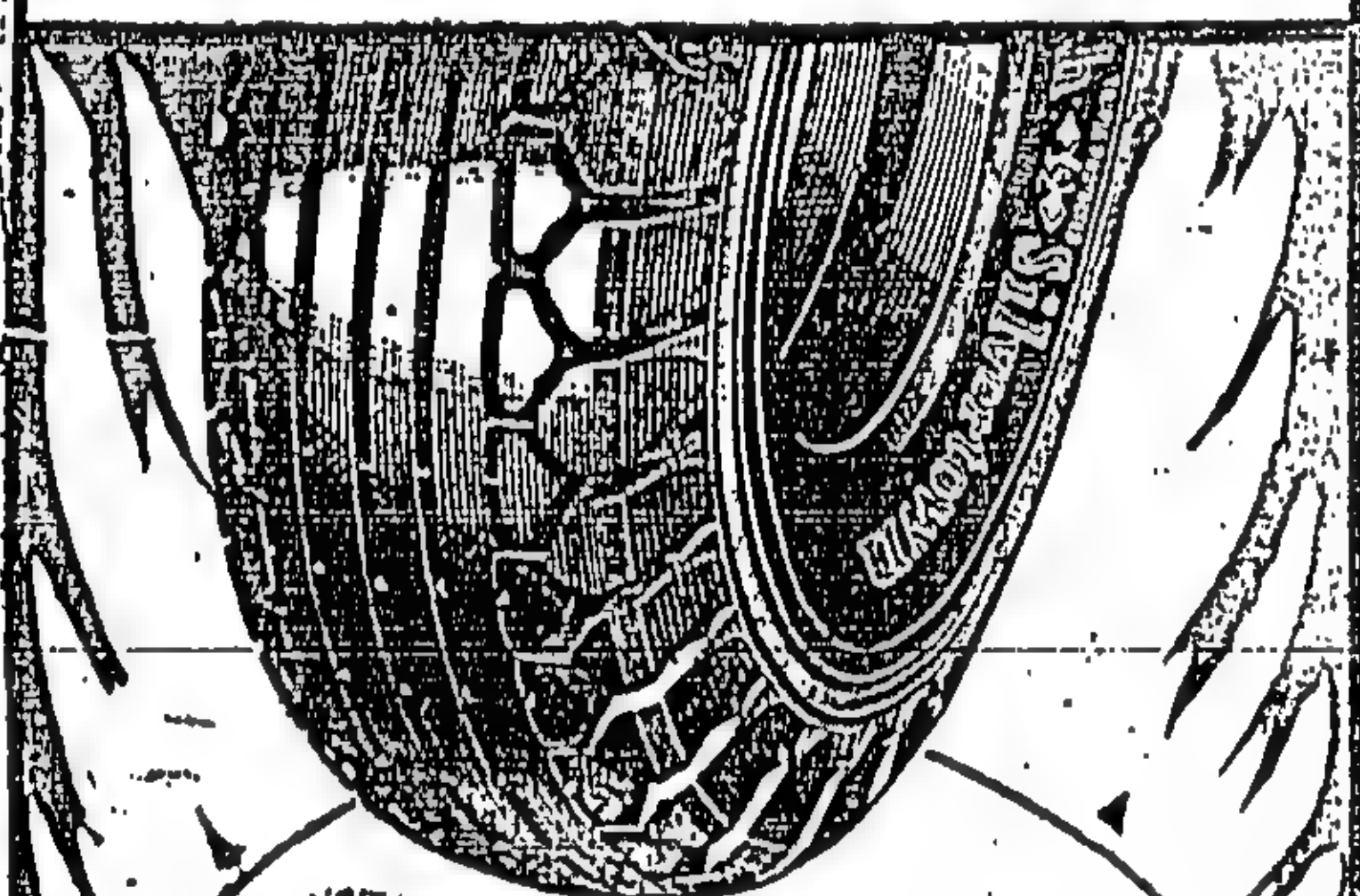
The attitude of Japan now becomes of increasing importance. If the Japanese Government decides to open hostilities against Russia, the Japanese Navy will be well placed geographically to cut off the Vladivostok outlet to the Pacific.

The Siberian armies have, for the last 16 years, been specially organised for war against Japan and are completely self-supporting. In the severe fighting which has taken place in Northern Manchuria and Mongolia in the undeclared war between Japan and Russia the Siberian army corps displayed a high standard of military efficiency. Aeroplanes, tanks, heavy artillery and other forces were engaged on both sides on a large scale and the Siberians had the best of the exchanges.

With the very large Japanese armies engaged in the interior of China it would appear doubtful whether very heavy forces could be marshalled by Japan for the invasion of the maritime province of Siberia, which would be the natural objective. It is known that the present military commitments in China place a great strain on the Japanese Mercantile Marine, and the Japanese General Staff is aware that a numerous flotilla of submarines is stationed at Vladivostok.

Nor will the Japanese General Staff be able to ignore the possible attitude of the United States of America in the event of the war spreading to the Pacific.

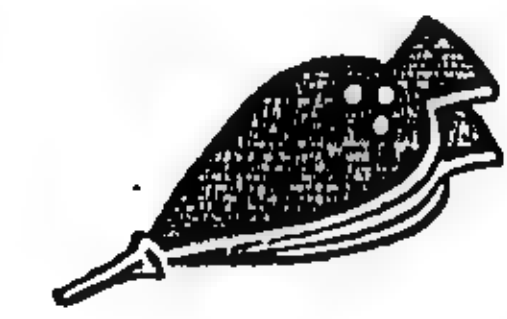
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Items Of Interest To Swimmers

Combined Gala On July 26 May Be Postponed

Volunteer Manning Causes Disruption

V. Churn And Mrs Murrell Return Fine Times

(By "Tinker")

IT WILL BE A DISAPPOINTMENT, even if only temporary, to the majority of swimmers in the Colony if, as at present indicated, the Combined gala on July 26 between the Chinese and the Y.M.C.A.-V.R.C. in aid of the Bomber Fund and the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China is postponed.

Reason is the military manoeuvres that week-end which include the Volunteers. The meet has not yet been postponed; a meeting of all the Clubs concerned is being called, but it is most probable.

As regards this gala, however, it seems that there has been a misconception concerning the sides. It was originally planned as one between the combined Chinese Clubs and the combined V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A. Several people now think that it is the combined Chinese who are on one side, and under that title Charles Huang, of the V.R.C., has been included in that team.

In actual fact, with middle and long distance swimmers like Chan Chun-nam and Yau Sal-kwan, and with sprinters like Ng Nin, Tsang Cheong-ming and Ng Chun-man, the combined Chinese (even without the word "Clubs" attached) could afford to leave Huang to swim for the V.R.C. where he would be much more useful.

What, with lack of training and fitness, there is something of a dearth of good free-style swimmers in the V.R.C. this year. I frankly don't know what has happened to David Hutchinson. He was at the V.R.C. on Saturday for the gala against Lai Tsun but he did not take part.

D. H. Taylor is not yet in trim, W. Lawrence is ill—in fact, as recently stated, the V.R.C. haven't a man in form that is capable of under 26 seconds for the 50 yards.

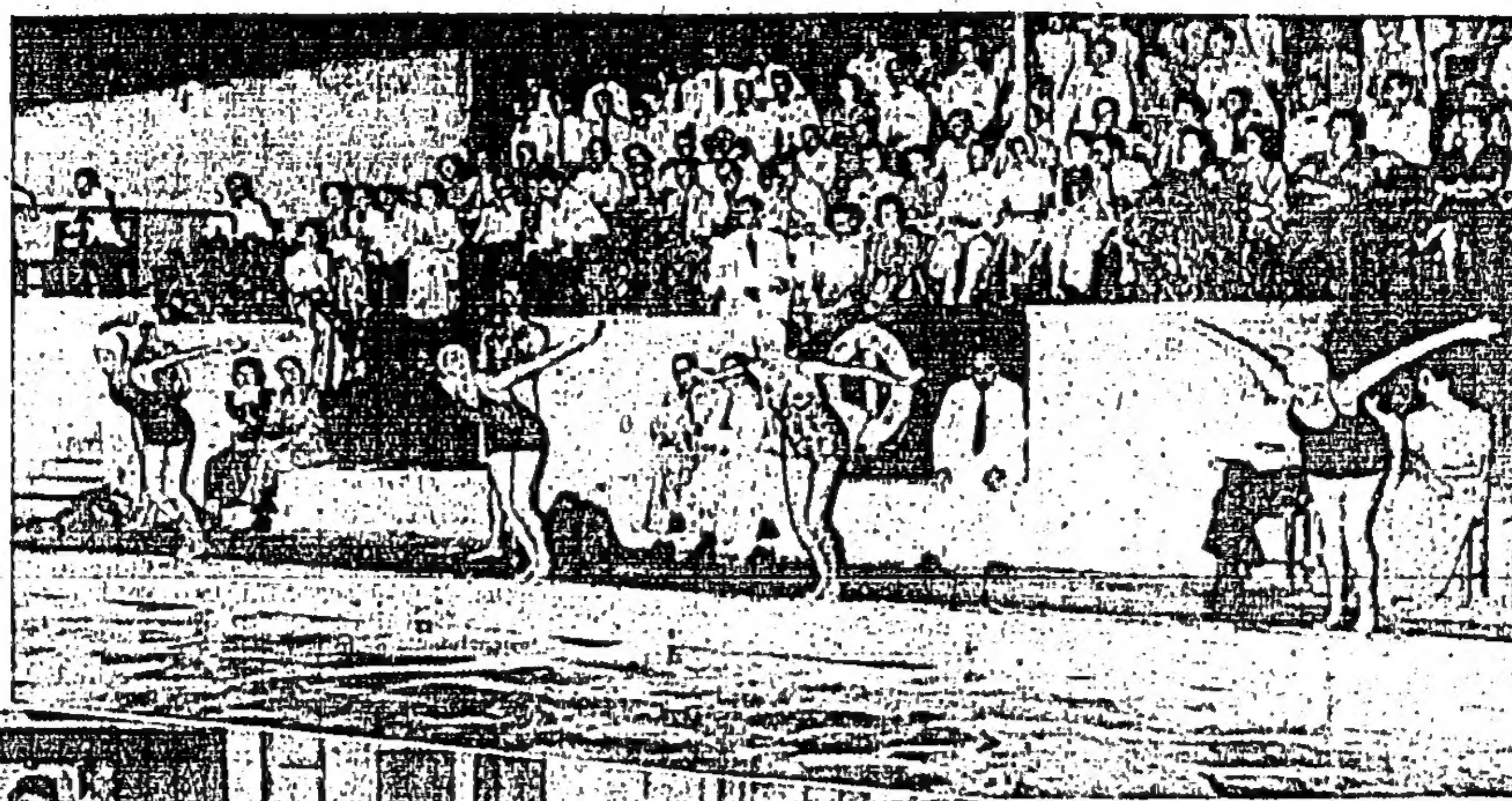
However, if times were correct as given to me on Saturday night, Charles Huang clocked 25 dead in the 150 yards medley relay.

Without Lawrence or Hutchinson, the time for the 100 yards was comparatively poor. Lai Tai-ping won this event in 60½ seconds, with Lionel Roza-Perera one second behind.

And in the 440 yards, without the champion, Chan Chun-nam, Lai Tsun took first place through Yau Sal-kwan who beat Charles Huang by several yards in 5 minutes 37½ seconds.

In this event, though Chan Chun-nam acted with dual motive—that of giving his younger colleague an opportunity of showing his powers, while at the same time reserving himself for the 800 yards free-style relay which came later—quite a number of people were disappointed when it was announced that Chan was not swimming.

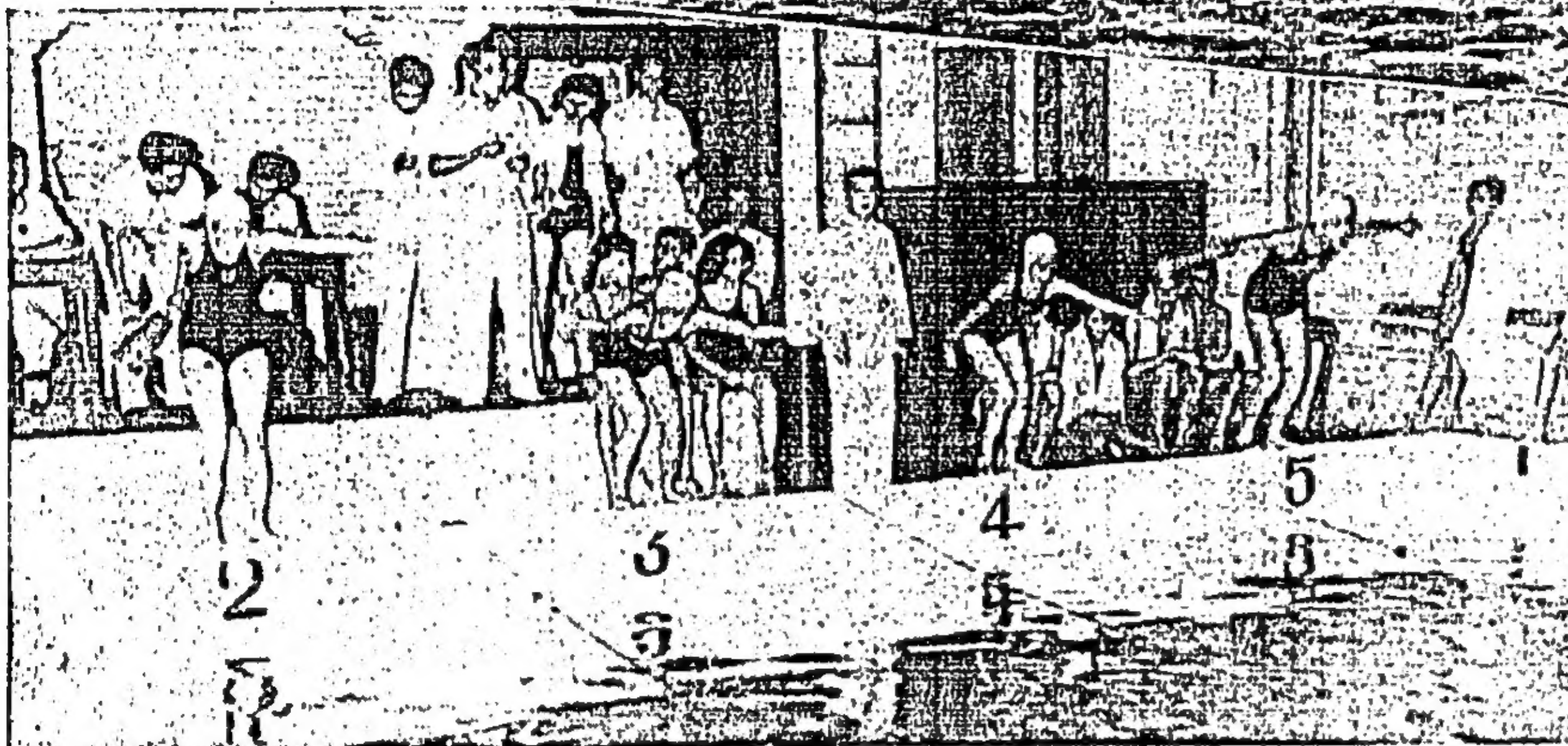
V.R.C. won the meet, but main thanks must go to the women.



Ladies In Limelight

Top: Start of the Invitation race (one length) at the Nurses gala in the Army pool on Saturday. Left to right: Miss L. Hope, Miss Joan Critchett, Miss Christiansen and Mrs Pittendrigh.

Left: The women's 50 yards breast-stroke event at the V.R.C.-Lai Tsun gala at the V.R.C. Starters were Miss V. Churn, Miss Li Po-kum, Miss M. Noronha and Miss Ko Mui-ling. Ming Yuen.



Lawn Bowls

Easy Victories In Pairs Games Yesterday

SUCCESSFUL players in postponed matches in the first round of the Pairs Championship played yesterday had little difficulty in quelling their opponents.

Hamilton and Holland led from the opening head, and were never in any danger, even though Brokenshire and Zimmerman had a 4 on the 7th end to draw up to 5-8.

The losers, in fact, scored on only four of the 21 heads.

Scores were:
Zimmern: 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2
Holland: 2, 1, 2, 0, 2, 1, 0, 2, 1, 0

Police Victory

Though scores were level at 4-all on the 8th, from thence onwards Cameron and Post were invincible. On the 9th and 14th ends they scored 5's.

Scores were:
Post: 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 5, 2, 2, 0
Nish: 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 3

Major Baseball

Detroit Tigers Overwhelm Senators

NEW YORK, July 17 (UP).—Detroit Tigers overwhelmed Washington Senators 7-1 in the American League to-day. Scores were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Washington.....R H E
Detroit.....7 14 1
Battery—Hudson, Kennedy; Early.
Detroit—Trotter, Sullivan.

How To Play Baseball

4. Second Basemen

SECOND BASE, the strategic centre of the diamond (both the second base and the shortstop area) should be protected by fast, cool-headed, consistent ball players. Very often, it is the pivot point of a double play.

1. POSITION OF THE SECOND BASEMAN. This will vary but in most cases he should play as far away and as far back of the base line as will permit him to field that territory. The ground to his left is usually more easily covered.

When there is a runner on third and it is necessary to play the ball home, he should play on or in front of the base line. He should play closer to second especially if he is naturally weak on ground balls on his right side, and must play towards first when a sacrifice is expected.

2. FIELDING THE POSITION. He should have the play sized up before he has the ball in his hands. Get in front of ground balls and at least stop them. Should he fumble he can still throw the runner out at first. He should not be afraid of making errors.

3. THROWING. In most cases his throws are short, either to second or first. He probably uses the underhand throw more than any other infielder, especially when going in fast on easy rolling balls and those he fumbles.

A toss should be used on double plays when the ball is fielded close for the shortstop to throw if the ball is above his waist on all the throws from the second baseman. Many times the second baseman will have to throw on the run or by jumping into the air on throwing, but if it is possible for him to plant the right foot, he should step inside the diamond away from the runner and then throw.

4. COVERING FIRST BASE. He should be ready to cover first base when first baseman and pitcher are fielding a hit ball, and also when first base is occupied and there is no one out; also, whenever first baseman is so far out of position that it will be impossible for him to cover it.

5. COVERING SECOND BASE. Be ready to do so when there is a runner on first, especially with one or two out. If right-handed batter is up, second baseman usually takes the catcher's throw.

He should have a signal with the pitcher and catcher when he will cover the bag when occupied. In this case, the shortstop usually takes the throws from the pitcher, the second baseman from the catcher. He should also cover second on short hits into right field.

The second baseman should always try to get in a position to tag the runner as quickly as possible, but he should not do so at the expense of fumbling the ball. He should not run to meet the runner but should keep the ball between the runner and the bag. He should not strike the runner so hard that the ball is dropped. He should try to receive the ball and tag the runner with the same motion.

6. ALERTNESS. The second baseman should be alert to back up the first baseman when he can foresee that the catcher is likely to throw to that base. He should back up second when the shortstop is taking the throw. He should advance into the field on long hits into right.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Baseball Controversy

Sir,—Anent the recent controversy between the Hongkong Brewery Baseball Team and the H.K. Baseball League Committee, may I point out the following salient facts?

1. A member of the H.B. team went personally to the Hon. Secretary at about 10.30 a.m. Thursday 10th July, and asked for a postponement of the game on Saturday 12th with the Mindanno, which request the Secretary refused and at the same time stating that he would not recognise any verbal requests, but only an officially written letter from the Hon. Secretary of the H.B. team. (Tsk! Tsk! What principles!)

2. If he (representing indirectly, the League Committee) had favoured the postponement he'd have had plenty of time to confirm it with his committee and notify the Press and the opposing team—the Chung Wah team, who, by private arrangements, were willing to step in the breach and play the Minutes, (and it transpired later that they did). In doing so, the cash customers would not have been disappointed when they flocked in droves to see this clash between league leaders.

3. What difference would it have been whether the game was played that Saturday or some other time—the League has up to September to finish its games. Surely some tact and foresight were lacking in not seeing that the finances of the Association would surely suffer at a time when it was needed most.

4. In 1940 why did this same League Committee acquiesce with the Mindanno's demand that their baseball team must be supplemented by two members of any other U.S. Navy ship in port or they would not enter the League?

5. It would be interesting to know the Committee's decision if regular pitcher and catcher of the Mindanno were unable to play and should they ask for a postponement.

Yours for fairplay to our local lads, ANLEYSTAY.

Fanling Golf Starting Times Sunday

OLD COURSE
9.16 T. F. Pearce, R. B. Morrison.
9.20 A. D. Purves, R. Forrest.
9.24 S. L. Lloyd, I. H. Geare.
9.28 F. P. Philip, J. A. Ferriall.
9.32 H. O. Baldwin, W. Hewitt.
9.36 P. M. Cotton, H. M. Rowland.
9.40 C. Taylor, R. Young.
9.44 L. A. H. Duncan, J. G. H. Lander.
9.48 J. G. Jensen, Capt. Barclay.
9.52 Capt. Young, E. G. Price.
9.56 A. E. Lissman, D. B. Hobbs.
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U.S. Army Chief Warns Of Possible German Designs

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, July 17 (UP).—The Chief of Staff of the United States Army, General George Marshall, to-day told the Senate Military Affairs Committee that the Army foresees the possibility of Spain, Portugal and Africa falling to the Axis powers.

The General declared that the world is witnessing a "mighty military machine in operation. The schedule began in Austria. Now the Nazis are in Russia. The machine is always in one place at one time. In each case other people are lulled by treaties and trade pacts. There is no doubt whatever that unless we prepare we will find ourselves in a tragic situation. We cannot speculate with our security."

He asserted that the Army policies have been conservative, explaining that they had "lined a great many of their actions with the actions of the Hitler Government."

It is reported that Germany possesses 300 divisions, 20 of which are armored.

General Marshall declared that United States financial expansion, aviation expansion and aviation facilities in Brazil were for the purpose of surrounding the hemisphere with a ring of protection against a "ruthless foreign power."

The Marines, he said, had occupied Iceland as no existing Army unit was capable of doing the job because a portion of the personnel consisted of selectees and reserve officers whose transfer from the Western Hemisphere is illegal.

August 1 is the deadline for Congressional acceptance or rejection of the legislation designed to extend the service period of the National Guardsmen and selectees, he asserted, because the present law necessitates the demobilization of these categories respectively in September and October.

Marshall's Argument
WASHINGTON, July 17 (Reuter).—General George C. Marshall, Chief of Army Staff, testifying before the Senate Military Committee drew attention to the urgent necessity, from the military standpoint, for Congress to declare a national emergency under which selectees, National Guardsmen and reserves could be retained in service beyond a year.

General Marshall said that from a strategic standpoint, the efficiency of the War Department and military forces would be greatly improved if Congress removed the present prohibitions against longer service.

General Marshall at the same time declared that it was absurd to believe that he had an American Expeditionary Force in mind.

Unwise To Stop Now
"We started only last fall. We can do a wonderful job. We can render ourselves so strong that all our interests will be safeguarded. To stop in the middle of the procedure would not be wise when the situation is so grave."

He added that the War Department was unable to publish all its information regarding current developments. He gave as an instance the army's inability to operate efficiently because of the large number of one-year selectees, Guardsmen and reservists. The War Department up to now had been unable to send a squadron of 24 fighters to Iceland to support the Marines.

Gallup Poll On Iceland
NEW YORK, July 17 (Reuter).—Over 60 per cent. of the populations of big United States cities and towns approve President Roosevelt's action in sending troops to Iceland, according to the latest Gallup Poll.

Twenty per cent. disapproved and 10 per cent. were undecided.

Clark Kerr On Democracy

CHUNGKING, July 18 (Central News).—"Modern democracy is not old and outworn," asserted Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, in a speech on Democracy on Wednesday afternoon under the auspices of the Chinese People's Foreign Relations Association.

Speaking before a large audience in the New Life Model Centre, Sir Archibald declared in his first public speech since his coming to China three years ago, "Democracy is in its adolescence. It still has a long road to follow. It will go marching on."

Sir Archibald was optimistic when discussing future democracy in China. Judging by democracy's present manifestations in this country, he said, he got the impression that to-day the spirit of democracy is instinct in the heart of every Chinese.

Ideals Shared
"You have ranged alongside of the democracies which are now engaged in seeing to it that democracy will not perish from the earth. You did this, as I see it, not because you are confident, as we are, of their victory but because you shared their ideals."

"You have claimed in your present struggle that you have been fighting their battle. They recognise your claim as justified. They recognise you and they fight for the same cause."

The founder of modern China in his wisdom laid down that you should move towards the achievement of democracy step by step as you have done in your country. To a foreign observer, it seems that the first stride forward has already been taken. Witness your People's Political Council, the high quality of which is impressive to any on-looker."

Progress After War
Sir Archibald predicted that after the war, China's progress toward democracy will be swift—as swift as her evolution since she shook off the tyranny of the Manchus.

Despite democracy's clear and admitted weaknesses, it offered an immeasurably better answer to the problems of the modern world than Nazism which stood for a dark age, "an age wherein the mind of man would go to the prison and the spirit of man into hiding."

KEEL A DAY IN U.S. SHIP YARDS
NEW YORK, July 17 (Reuter).—One ship per day had its keel laid down in American yards during the 40 days ended July 10, reports the U.S. Navy Department.

Twenty-two vessels were launched during that period including the battleship South Dakota, two destroyers, one submarine and a number of smaller craft, including seven high-speed motor torpedo boats.

Soviet Harmony With Poles And Czechs
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, July 17 (UP).—Spokesman Lozovsky said to the press to-day that the Soviet Union supports the principle of freedom for Poland, Czechoslovakia and other "German-subjugated countries."

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

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T.T. Manila	1/2 1/2
T.T. Batavia	1/2 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	1/2 1/2
T.T. Saigon	1/2 1/2
T.T. France	1/2 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	1/2 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/2 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/2
4 m/s France	1/3 1/2
30 d/s India	1/3 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4 1/2 1/2
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How To Play Baseball

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field and be ready to relay the ball or call out where the ball should be thrown.

The second baseman should be ready to back up or run down the base runner caught between bases, always remembering to run him back to the base from which he started.

SUGGESTIONS. (i) When the second baseman is very near his base, it is better in many cases for him to make a double play without the assistance of the shortstop because it minimizes the chance for errors or delay.

(ii) When first and third bases are occupied and the runner on third is expecting to score if the catcher throws to second to catch the runner stealing, the second baseman should rush in behind the pitcher and cut short the throw in case he thinks the man on third is likely to score if the throw goes on through to the shortstop.

(iii) Do not try to make a double after dropping the ball.

(iv) On double plays always be sure of the first man and get the second man if possible. Some double plays may be made by the second baseman by tagging the runner as he goes by, but this is not always a sure way if the runner is clever.

(v) The baseman should always know where the first base is without looking for sometimes he will have to make throws which will not give him time to look before he throws.

(vi) On many fly balls over first base it will be easier for the second baseman to take the fly than for the first baseman. He should call for the ball and observe all the general rules for handling of fly balls.

(vii) The second baseman can never force a runner out at third on a hit ball.

Syria Under Control
CAIRO, July 17 (Reuter).—Under the terms of the Convention the Allies have now occupied selective strategic points in central and southeast Syria.

British and Indian troops, whose rapid advance from Iraq and Palestine was arrested only when negotiations for cessation of hostilities were initiated, are now in the process of occupying further positions in the northern area.

The occupation of Beirut has been completed and a cordial reception was accorded to the Allies and particularly to the Australian forces who have been in the forefront of the advance in the coastal sector.

Syrian Thrust Cut Axis Web Of Intrigue In Time

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent With Imperial Troops in Syria)

BEIRUT, July 17.—Dr Fritz Grobba, the German Minister in Baghdad, returned to Syria after the Iraq rebellion with two sacks of gold. When he reached a hotel in North Syria, the manager and porter and another man were needed to carry one sack to his bed-room.

This is but one of the amazing stories told me by a British resident in Beirut, who has just finished five weeks of internment.

He also said that the Germans even promised to bring aviation fuel to Syria by submarine. This was discovered when a telephone call from a prominent Vichy official to Dr Renouir, the principal German delegate at Aleppo, was overheard.

When the British entered Syria, Dr Renouir telephoned daily to a leading member of the High Commissioner's office requesting the latest news from the front. Finally he came to Beirut with a "petit personnel" to make direct contact with General Dentz, and after hearing the latest reports, he fled from the country.

Blitzkrieg Planned
There is no shadow of a doubt that Germany had planned in detail a blitzkrieg on Syria, aiming at the complete occupation of Syria and Lebanon. I learn from Britons in Beirut, and the British action was not only timely but desperately necessary.

I also learn that even after the British penetration of Syria and the end of the Iraq rebellion, the Germans were still pouring material into Syrian aerodromes, copying the Bulgarian infiltration.

At Aleppo aerodrome, at least 60 officials were buying material such as lorries, cars, radios and furniture for officers' quarters. Additional quarters had even been reserved in the town for extra staff.

Luftwaffe Departure
The reason for the sudden departure of the Luftwaffe is given by a remark of Colonel von Manneufel at the aerodrome at Aleppo bidding farewell to the Vichy staff: "We are going because we don't want to give credence to the reports of the German occupation of Syria."

The German and Italian Legations in both left the country. I learn that they are now living in ancient Antioch in Turkey. They are reported to be in a state of perplexity, not knowing what to do next.

British Released
DAMASCUS, July 17 (Reuter).—Released British residents who were interned by the Vichy Government when the Allies entered Syria returned here this morning in a transport convoy.

A number of persons detained on suspicion of doing intelligence work for the Allies have also been released.

Hitler Defied By His Victims
LONDON, July 17 (Reuter).—A special commentary in the "New York Times" of yesterday says, "Out of Nazi-occupied lands a steady trickle of smuggled news provides continuous evidence that Hitler has not overcome the dauntless spirit of the peoples he has conquered and disarmed."

Fresh evidence comes from Norway that there, all but three of 18 Provincial Governors have resigned rather than obey the puppet quisling.

"Under the excuse of a shortage of workers, compulsory labour has now been decreed throughout the country. But it will not profit the occupying Power."

"Norwegian exports to the Reich are on a steady decline. Transferable loot has been exhausted and the population ingeniously keeps production down so that new supplies fail to materialise."

"Hitler reaps only new problems from the lands he has over-run."

Indo-China Professes Ignorance No Bases For Tokyo

SAIGON, July 17 (Reuter).—Military, naval and civil authorities deny all knowledge of any impending arrangement allowing Japan the use of naval and air bases in southern Indo-China as suggested in foreign press comment which is characterised as tendentious.

The possibility of such an accord in the immediate future appears to be precluded by the absence of the Governor-General and the majority of his staff on a short trip of inspection in northern Cochinchina and Cambodia, and the departure of General Sumita, head of the Japanese Mission, by plane for Tokyo.

Military Cabinet
It is confirmed in responsible quarters that Indo-China has not received any demands whatever from a Japanese source regarding the use of facilities outside Tonkin.

The fall of the Konohe Cabinet has aroused lively speculation here. It is generally thought that this government had represented the ultimate in military rule and the possibility of a resurgence of business interests is not impossible although the reasons for the fall and the nature of the new government are "anybody's guess."

Mr Roosevelt To Discuss Far East

WASHINGTON, July 17 (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day arranged to discuss the Far Eastern situation with the Under Secretary of State, Mr Sumner Welles who has received the report from the United States Ambassador to Japan, Mr Joseph Grew, which the President will inspect.

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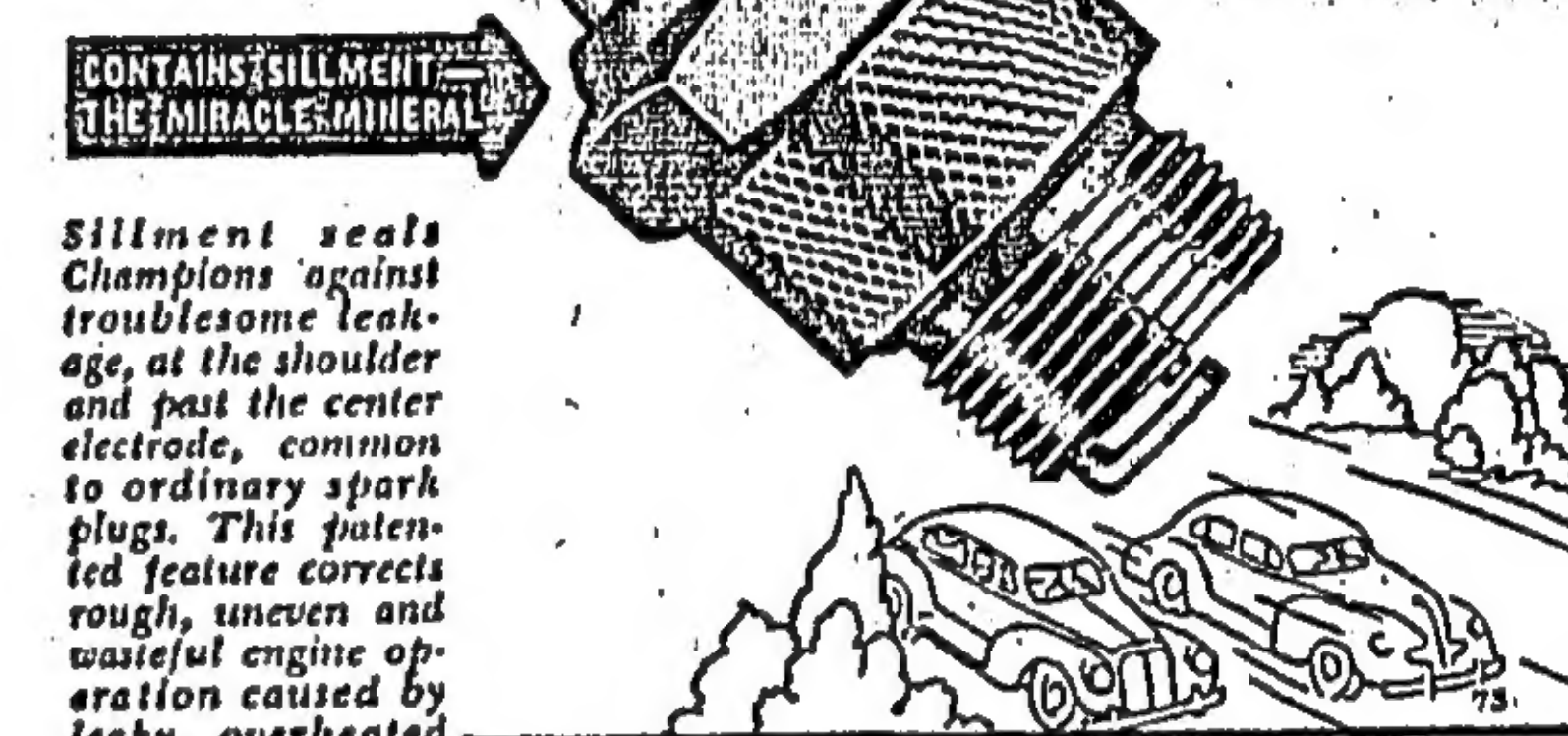
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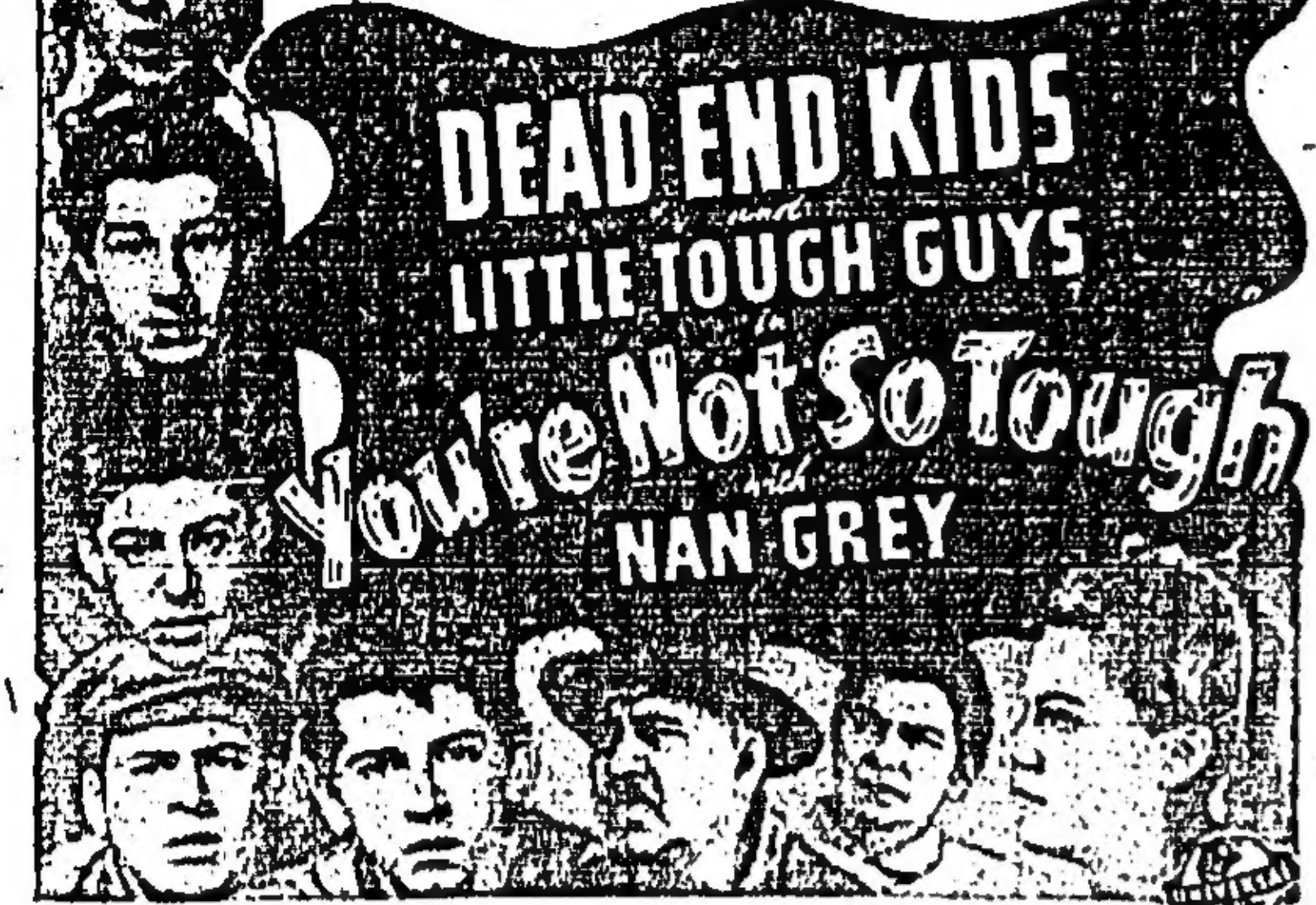
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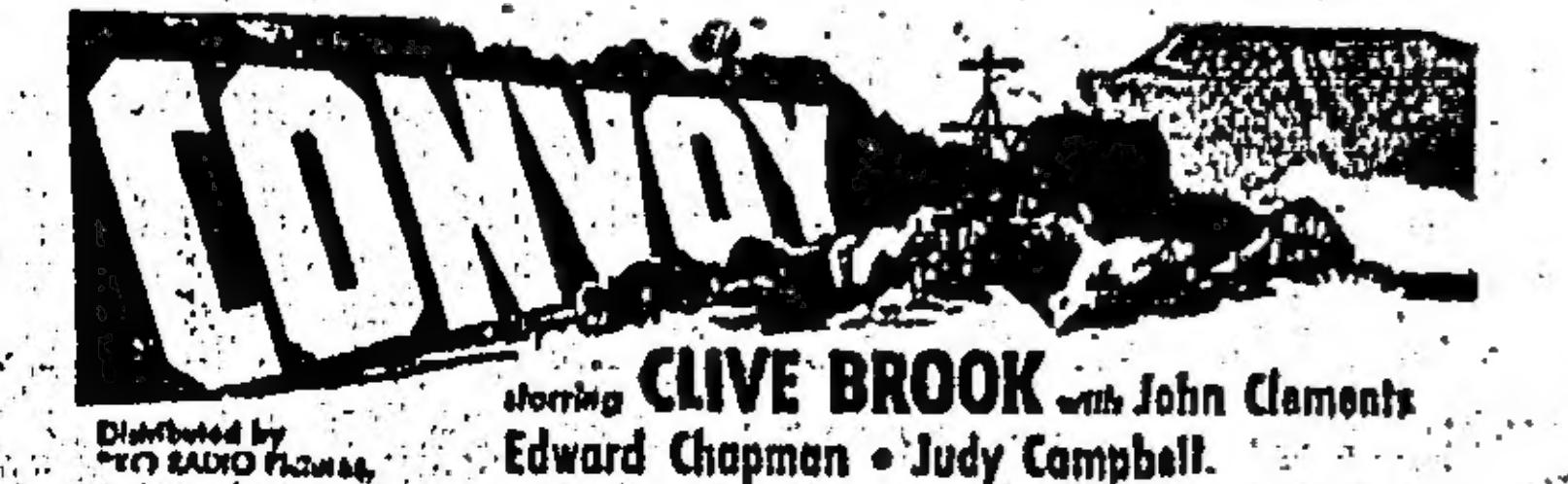
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Naval Parley In Washington

WASHINGTON, July 17 (Reuter). President Roosevelt has called a conference of chief naval advisors for late to-day. The men summoned are Colonel Knox, Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, Rear-Admiral Ernest King, Commander of the Atlantic Fleet, and Rear-Admiral Richmond Turner, Chief of the War Plans Division of the Naval Operations Office.

Newfoundland and Trinidad

WASHINGTON, July 17 (Reuter). Two full-fledged naval operations bases are to be commissioned, one at Argentina, Newfoundland, and the other at Trinidad, and the Navy has announced.

The bases will have maintenance and overhaul facilities for warships operating in the Atlantic. Previous Navy announcements indicated that the Newfoundland base would consist merely of a naval air station. Navy sources to-day say that it will have Fleet anchorage, refuelling and limited overhaul facilities for battleships, aircraft-carriers, cruisers and other warships. The Argentina base will cost \$17,050,000, and the Trinidad base \$17,850,000, they being two of the sites leased from Britain in exchange for destroyers.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, is:

Buyers

H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1934) 93
Canton Ins. \$225
Union Ins. \$400
H.K. Fire Ins. \$185
Providents \$3.85
Chinese Estates \$101
Lights \$1.30
Electricity "O" X. Rts \$22
Electricity "N" \$21
Macao Electric \$18.10

Sellers

Providents \$5.95
Lands \$35.75
Trams \$17.40
Sales
H.K. Banks \$1,415
Docks \$15.80
Providents \$5.90
Humphreys \$7
Lights \$1.30
Ropes \$8.80

LATE NEWS

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(former Minister of Communications).
Commerce and Industry, Vice-Admiral Masazo Sakonji (President of the North Saghalien Petroleum Co.).

Welfare, Li-Gen, Chikazu Kozumi (sectional chief of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association).
Ministers without Portfolio, Baron Kichiro Hiranuma, Lieut-Gen. Heisuke Yanagawa, Lieut-Gen. Tetsuchi Suzuki.

President of the Planning Board, Lieut-Gen. Tetsuchi Suzuki.

Selection Of New Japanese Cabinet

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, July 18 (UP).—Observers state that Prince Konoye is paying serious attention to his selection of a Foreign Minister because of the necessity to cope with the complicated and rapidly changing world situation. He is, therefore, expected to make his selection after obtaining views from various circles.

It is noteworthy that the former Ambassador to Moscow, Mr. Shigenori Togo, suddenly returned last night from Karuzawa where he had been spending his summer vacation.

The "Nichi Nichi Shimbun" reported to-day that Mr. Matsukata, who has been ill, is visiting Prince Konoye to-day for an important discussion.

The "Asahi Shimbun" said that while Prince Konoye has been advised to adopt a small personnel cabinet system towards bolstering the internal structure, he would appoint Ministers to all portfolios on account of the Hanyashi Abe cabinet failures in attempting the small cabinet.

Under the necessity of developing the nation's maximum power under the current of what is alleged to be a super-crisis, it is predicted that Konoye might abandon the past practice of appointing ministers from former political Parties.

As one example, Mr. Johnstone pointed to the fact that the Wheat Advisory Committee is now meeting in Washington under the chairmanship of a British delegate.

WAR GUILT INQUIRIES

Former French Leaders May Stand Trial

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
Riom, July 17 (UP).—The French Supreme Court which has been sitting here since the middle of August holding Grand Jury inquiries into the acts and responsibilities of Messrs Blum, Daladier, Gamelin, Lachambre and Jacquet completed their official investigations into these six cases to-day.

The forthcoming Government trials for the war guilt of those six men can proceed at any time but the Government has not yet fixed the dates or even indicated the trials will occur before peace comes.

The Supreme Court was obliged to read the actions at Cabinet meetings, the records of Chamber debates and public speeches, as well as the production of statistics over a period of ten years to be able to weigh the degree of responsibility of each.

The Court's efforts were handicapped by the fact that many of the official records were burned by the Foreign Office before the Government left Paris and many other files were removed after German occupation and are not now in France.

Moscow Asserts Victory Certain

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These towns are still in Soviet hands. The slow German advance is held by competent observers to bear out Soviet claims that the Red Army has adequate equipment.

The fact remains that the Nazis have failed in the last 14 days to make any spectacular progress.

Air Forces Compared

Soviet fighter planes are highly praised by experts who say that many of these are better than Messerschmitts—Russian dive-bombers are also considered excellent.

The Germans nowhere have managed to secure a lasting air supremacy, while frequently the Soviets exercise local superiority.

The miscellaneous nature of the Luftwaffe, comprising Italian, Czech and Polish planes, suggests that the more standardised units of the Luftwaffe are still on the western front, and this assortment of planes is a sign of German weakness in air strength.

It seems that both sides have been busy bombing each other's rear communications, and transports.

N. Ireland Would Welcome Americans

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Government was the same as that laid down by his predecessor, Lord Craigavon, namely that the entire resources of Ulster were at England's disposal. He said shipyards were working at full blast and had not been affected by the recent raids.

Admitting a certain amount of unemployment, he explained that this was due mainly to lack of skilled labour, which had gone to Britain.

This was the reason, said Mr. Andrews, that American technicians had been brought over.

Asked about the present relations of his country with Eire, Mr. Andrews declared that Northern Ireland would never agree to Union on any grounds.

Bases For Britain?

DUBLIN, July 17 (UP).—Mr. J. M. Dillon, deputy leader of the Sinn Féin party to-day urged the government to give the United States and Britain air and naval bases and other support "to insure success against those who are attempting world conquest."

Empire Economics Closely Linked

LONDON, July 17 (Reuter).—Economic co-operation between Britain, the Dominions and America is steadily developing.

The Secretary of Overseas Trade, Mr. Harcourt Johnstone, told the House of Commons to-day that he was glad to be able to make this statement and added that the British Government did no doubt the Dominion Government also, look to it becoming closer still.

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Air Training Down Under

Huge New Programme

LONDON, July 17 (British Wire- less).—Australia's great and growing contribution to the Imperial air strength is underlined by the opening this month of four new schools for the training of air crews in Australia. It is announced by Mr. K. McEwen, the Australian Air Minister.

The latest site selected is for a bombing and gunnery school in Victoria at a cost of £300,000.

In Gippsland

A school for training pilots, observers, wireless personnel and gunners under the Empire Air Training Scheme is to be established in Gippsland, Victoria, at a cost of over £250,000.

Expenditure on the R.A.A.F. during the present financial year, states the Dominions Office, will exceed £1,000,000 a week.

Over 101,760 applications for enlistment have been received.

Konoye To Head New Cabinet

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30 minutes before returning to see Baron Hiranuma.

Meanwhile high officials of the War and Navy ministries held separate conferences—talks reliably indicating that the armed forces are ready to co-operate with Prince Konoye's effort to a new cabinet.

Financial Reaction

Financial circles generally interpret Prince Konoye's acceptance as an indication that no immediate changes are pending regarding domestic and international policies.

Financial and industrial leaders were that this third Konoye Cabinet should immediately undertake, firstly, increased production of war industries by stricter state control of oil, coal and the chemical industries; secondly, enforcement of a new programme of fiscal and monetary management; thirdly, stricter control of food to protect the nation's standard of living.

The resignation of the old cabinet was received by the Tokyo Stock Exchange with cautious calm though shipping shares were weak.

Boost For Konoye

The "Japan Times and Advertiser" in an editorial, states: "Out of the change in administrative machinery will, we feel confident, emerge a cabinet inheriting the character and force of the one which Prince Konoye and his eminent chief colleagues have built up. Some new faces will be seen and new talent added, yet the policy of a strongly united state, committed to a high condition of defence and political continuity, assuredly will remain."

"The work already done is a promise of greater things in future. At this moment, there is a livelier trust that the future government will measure up to past performances as well as rise to new heights."

German Hope

LONDON, July 17 (Reuter).—The German Government has expressed the hope that the new Japanese Cabinet will be exclusively military.

Should Enter War

ZURICH, July 17 (Reuter).—References to the Tripartite Pact in the semi-official "Diplomatic Korrespondenz" to-day are regarded by the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" as a strong hint to Japan to form a military government, give up "her" hesitation and enter the war on Germany's side.

Tojo and Oikawa

TOKYO, July 17 (Reuter).—Prince Konoye's success in forming his third Cabinet is reported to be very promising, with General Tojo, War Minister, and Admiral Oikawa, Navy Minister, reported to be remaining.

The Most Urgent Task

SHANGHAI, July 18 (UP).—The Japanese Army's "Sin Shun-Pao" to-day stated that the most urgent task facing the new Japanese Cabinet will be the settlement of the Sino-Japanese war. It asserted that it is premature to predict that Japan will strike either northward or southward since peace in China is a necessary requisite to a further move; however, it warned that Japan would remove at any cost the obstacles preventing peace. Future Russo-German developments will not change Japan's fixed policy.

Minister of Commerce

TOKYO, July 18 (Reuter).—It is reliably reported that Admiral Tetsuro Toyoda, the Minister of Commerce and Industry in the Konoye Cabinet, is likely to be appointed Foreign Minister.

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